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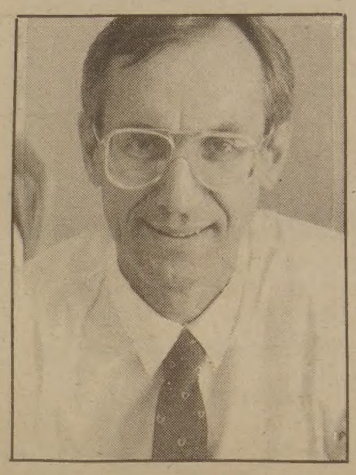
City council denies funds

By TREVOR TWINING
Staff Writer

Niagara College will now have to find another way to get the $750,000 it needs to build a new sports complex.

This week, Welland city council refused the college's request for an additional $250,000 to build the complex. Council said only $500,000 could be allocated to the project under the Canadian Infrastructure program.

The total cost of the facility is $1 million. According to the Niagara College Master Plan, the additional $250,000 would come from fundraising efforts by the college.



HANS VAN DER SLAGT

Niagara College Vice-president Administration, Hans van der Slagt, says the minimum amount needed from the city was $750,000. "Anything less and the facility would not be adequate for our needs."

Van der Slagt also said the college has been working with the city on this project for several years and the two will continue to do so to find "alternative funding" for the facility.

"What has happened is we've missed a window of opportunity. It doesn't mean the project has discontinued."

Saso in China seeks new deal

By TREVOR TWINING
Staff Writer

Niagara College President John Saso is in China this month to sign a multi-year industrial technology development agreement with President Tan Bin Chaeng of Yueyang University in China's Hunan province.

The agreement will extend the timeline on an original proposal initiated between the two schools sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to promote training in the use of computer-aided manufacturing machinery in China.

Dennis Malone, Niagara's director of international education and development, says Saso's visit is to evaluate the initial project's success and meet with President Tan to "come up with ways that co-operation (between the two schools) can be continued.

"And they're both keen on making this happen."

Now that the $300,000 CIDA-sponsored portion of the project is completed, both Yueyang University and Niagara College must find ways to continue on their own and will do so with the signing of the agreement.

According to the draft of the agreement, the main parts include exchanges of teachers between the two schools, exchanges of students and short-term work assignments by Niagara College faculty at Yueyang University.

During the original project, a programable logic controller (PLC) lab was set up at the university. PLC is the technology computers use to control industrial machinery. One of the items in the agreement says Niagara College will help refine the PLC lab at Yueyang, train technical staff, get Yueyang in touch with foreign PLC companies to become a technology leader in China.

Niagara College was the first college to join with a Chinese post-secondary institution under the Canada-China College Linkage Project (CCCLP). Niagara is also the only single college to be linked with a single university. Most other linkages occur with more than one college linking up to one or more Chinese institutions.

Malone says Saso will be received like royalty during his visit, but the demands on his time, attention to fulfilment of the various different customs will prove very exhausting. "It's no vacation, that's for sure," says Malone.

Saso will arrive back in the area later this month.

Enrolment steady despite higher cost

By SEAN RHOADS
Staff Writer

Despite the higher price tag, students are still coming to Niagara College this fall.

Although tuition costs have risen since last year, student enrolment at Niagara College has remained steady for the 1994 fall semester.

Figures given out by the college's registrar department as of this past Monday show 4,764 students attending class this year, compared with 4,820 in 1993-1994, and 4,718 in 1992-1993.

The numbers for this fall are not final.

"At this point we're about 50 or 60 students lower than we were last year," Niagara College's Registrar Ivar Noren said. "However, we're still in the process of registering the remaining students."

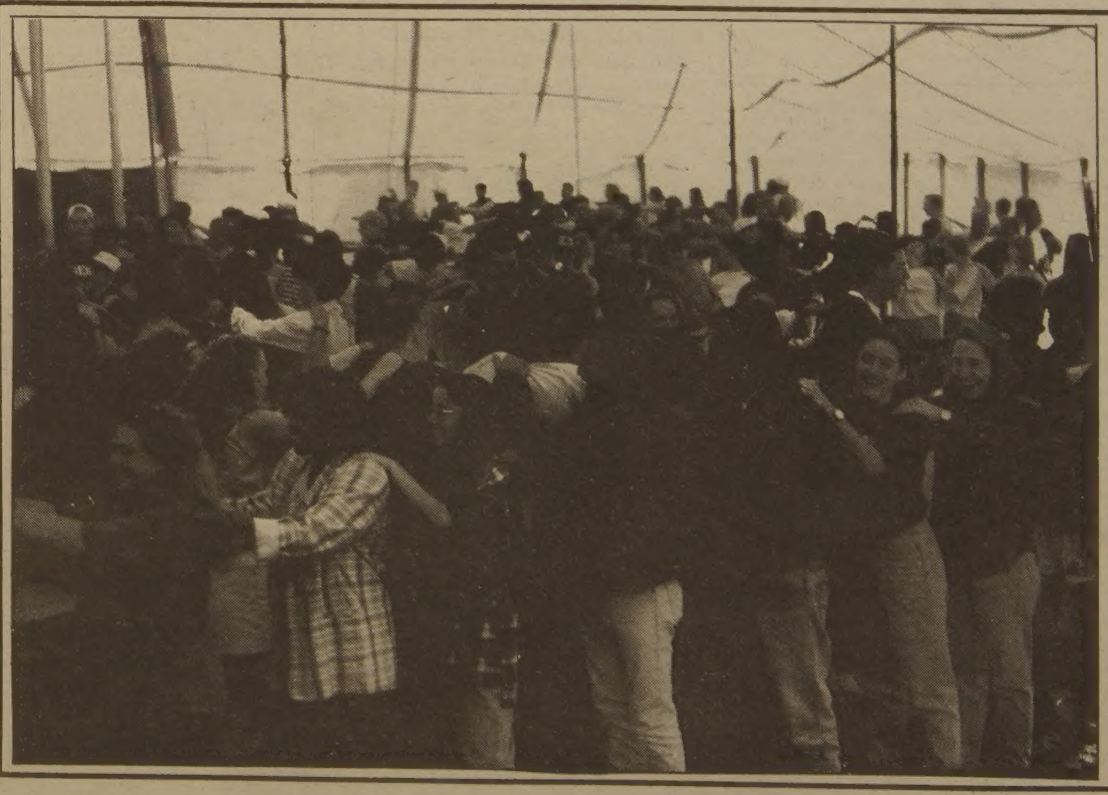
Last year, Premier Bob Rae's New Democratic Party (NDP) government raised tuition for college and university students about 10 per cent. So far, the increase has not affected enrolment at Niagara.

Hans van der Slagt, Niagara College's vice-president of administration, gave two reasons for the steady enrolment. "We have made major strides in the January-start programs over the past year. More programs are being made available to students that wish to start at the beginning of the spring term."

Van der Slagt also said the state of the economy is usually a good reflection of the student enrolment. "When the economy is bad, people are trying to find jobs to pay the bills. As things things get better, students return to school." With a recovering economy over the past year, the enrolment could have been "anticipated."

'When the economy is bad, people are trying to find jobs to pay the bills...'
— van der Slagt

Noren said final statistics will probably be available over the next two weeks.



OK everybody, left foot first!

New Niagara College students enthusiastically were participating in the Confidence Squat, one of several "breaking-the-ice" activities at orientation under the big tent at the Welland campus Sept. 6 and 7.

Photo by Tammy Crocker

New manager heads After Hours

By JASON GRAHAM
Staff Writer

There is a new face wandering the recently renovated Student Centre, and he is not a first-year student.

David J. Rapelje, 28, of Welland, was hired on July 15, 1994 as the Niagara College Student Centre manager.

After Donna Flutur resigned as Student Centre manager, the search began to find a replacement before the 1994-95 academic year's start. The job was advertised in newspapers in the Niagara region, but the position was filled by someone within the Niagara College system.

Rapelje is an alumnus of Niagara College. He graduated from the Law and Security Administration program in 1987 and was vice-president of external affairs on the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

"I had a great time here at Niagara," said Rapelje. "It provided me with an excellent educational background."

After Niagara, Rapelje joined the Armed Forces, stationed with the Lincoln and Welland regiment at the Lake St. Armoury in St. Catharines. He was honorably discharged in 1989 to proceed with his education.

Rapelje entered Brock University in St. Catharines in 1988 and graduated with his bachelor of arts degree in 1990. He said he gained more knowledge with his Law and Security Administration diploma from Niagara then from his two years at Brock.

Rapelje was not finished his education. He received a scholarship to attend Niagara University in Lewiston, N.Y., in 1992 for his masters in science and education (counselling).

Within the two years at Niagara University, Rapelje spent his work placement in Bedford Stuyvesant, a ghetto deep in the heart of New York City.

He said he worked in a counselling office "providing street level intervention for full-blown drug and alcohol addicts." He said it was a hectic experience, but one he enjoyed immensely.

Like a lot of Niagara College graduates, Rapelje found his way back to Welland and the college system. He got a job teaching four courses in the Law and Security Administration program.

"I really enjoyed the interaction with students," said Rapelje.

A year later, Rapelje accepted a position in the counselling department where he said he enjoyed the education outside the classroom.

From there, Carol Boettcher, Niagara College's vice-president, student life and success and human resources, hired Rapelje to prepare an assessment project about residence life programs across Ontario.

Rapelje toured 16 different colleges and universities to see what residence life was really about. He said this is when he realized he wanted to work in student life.

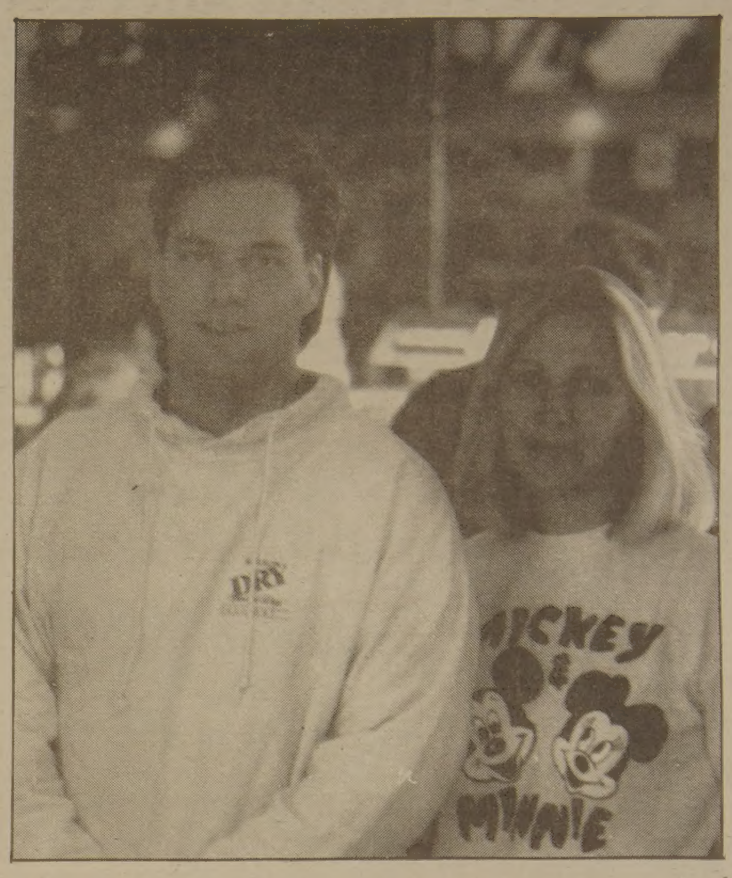
On Rapelje's hiring for the Student Centre manager position, Boettcher said, "We were very excited when Dave was selected for the position. He brings a unique combination of skills in hospitality and student life."

"I want to find out what students want," said Rapelje. "It's my goal to make the Student Centre the hub of student life."

Rapelje said with new students coming every year he has to learn to adapt and assess the needs of students, not just the traditional students. He said he wants to reprogram the Student Centre for three things: entertainment, education and awareness. He said awareness includes "the personal growth and safety of students."

"I want students to avoid the stigmas in asking questions about drugs and alcohol," said Rapelje.

In his spare time, Rapelje operates his own company, Dave Rapelje Productions, and collects native art.



New student center manager Dave Rapelje, seen here with SAC office manager Cindy Blanchard.
Photo by Jason Graham

Field placement takes LASA to the streets

By ERIN JONES
Staff Writer

A new security work placement tops the list of changes made to the Law and Security Administration (LASA) program this year.

Enrolment is up again this year and changes have been made to curriculum to help students become more involved with the community.

In the program this year there are 232 first-year students and 196 second-year students, all of which are full time. In addition, there are 16 part-time students. Seven are first-year LASA students and nine are in their second year.

"The students are incredible, I can't say enough about the quality of the students," says Heather Hodgson, 43, co-ordinator of the LASA program.

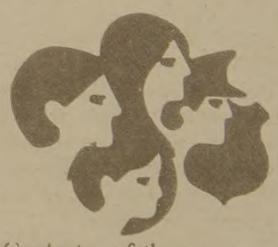
A security work placement is new to the LASA program this year. The students volunteer 120 hours of their time to work in policing and corrections.

"(The program) is interesting, it lets you think about the things that are going to happen or that could happen in the law," says 20-year-old Mike Larocque, a first-year LASA student.

The students volunteer for security positions in non-profit events such as, the Event in the Tent being held this week in St. Catharines and the Niagara Food Festival on Oct. 1 and 2 in Welland.

Negotiations are also under way for LASA students to perform security functions for the Winter Games being held in Niagara Falls this year in March.

"Our students are often more professional than the people who are paid for security purposes," says Hodgson.



Graduates of the program usually end up with careers at the John Howard's Society, the Customs and Immigration department, or in policing and security.

"I'd like to be a cop, but there are too many out there," says John Barron, 21, a first-year Law and Security student of Thorold.

"I took the program because it interests me, because I like all aspects of law," says Larocque a St. Catharines resident.

BRTF takes the lead

By PAUL HARDY
Staff Writer

The Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film program has once again proven to be among Niagara College's most popular programs again this year.

A total of 655 people applied for the three-year program, up from 584 last year, said registrar Ivar Noren.

Of those people, 127 have registered for the program, said Noren.

That's 42 more people than the program had originally wanted to accept, said Stu Black, co-ordinator of the program.

Black said the program is suffering from "growing pains" because of the high number of first-year students. He said they've added five part-time instructors and added labs that sometimes run into the evening to accommodate the extra students.

Noren said they often accept more students than there are spaces because many that are accepted don't register.

Noren and Black both attribute the high number of applicants every year to the program's excellent reputation across Ontario. "We could fill this program every year," said Noren.

Black also said entertainment-related fields usually draw a high number of applicants.

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Boettcher stresses student success

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

Carol Boettcher, vice-president of student life and human resources, focuses on the success of students at Niagara College.

"We are really trying to focus on maximizing the opportunities for students to be successful."

She said her job deals with marketing/communications, the registrar's office and staff human resource and professional development.

"Most of the things that happen to students or staff outside of the classroom teaching curriculum falls into the area that I am responsible for," said Boettcher.

She said the departments were joined to focus on student life and success at college and after graduation.

"If the student is having problems in the classroom, or with time management, studying, money problems, wellness problems, relationship problems, you know, all the kinds of services you need to support somebody, other than what their textbooks or teachers can offer, that's what we're here for," she said.

The student handbook, produced in co-operation with the Student Administration Council, identifies services available to students and a very detailed calendar of events, said Boettcher.

Carol Boettcher, vice-president of student life and human resources, said the college attempts to maximize the opportunities for students' success.

Photo by Sue Noble

"What we are trying to do is fine tune some of the services that we're providing to students in terms of their success," she said.

"One of the things that we have really worked hard on with SAC, over the summer, is the refurbishing and revitalizing of the student centre."

She added, "I say that in the context of student life and success because, having a really vibrant life outside of the classroom helps support the student to be persistent at college."

"I don't mean just having a place where you can go and have a beer, I mean a place where you can informally go and talk with people you meet on campus. So getting the student centre flying has been a big goal," she said.

While Boettcher is off campus for two weeks, Director of Student Life and Success, Brigitte Chiki and her staff will be able to answer any questions students may have.

News, music at CRNC

Are you a student of Niagara College wishing to hear news and sports from around the campus and the Niagara Region?

Campus Radio Niagara College (CRNC) blends music of today with classics from yesterday. Interviews from the entertainment world are featured regularly on CNRC. Student Council events are promoted as well as interesting events from around the area. Listen to the Concert Calender and the Entertainment File for updates.

CRNC is located in the Voyageur building at the Welland campus and is operated by the students of Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film Program.

Dental staff looking forward to move to new campus

By VICTORIA BECK
Staff Writer

The co-ordinator of the Dental Hygiene program said she is looking forward to moving to the new campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Carole Ono said there will be a larger clinic area "with clinical faculties for Continuing Education, dentistry, dental hygienists, dental assistants, dental technology and denturists. It will be for all aspects of the dental field.

"The program is pretty much the same, because the competence of the students has to be the same. We have a responsibility to insure that we graduate people who are clinically competent to be able to serve the public," she said.

"The one thing that is different this year is that we are going to have the students doing examinations on the clients earlier," said Ono. The reason for the early start is dental hygiene in Ontario is compressed to one year, she said, explaining elsewhere it is a two or three-year program.

Ono said dental hygiene was an "extremely popular program, and the college receives well over 600 applicants, closer to 700," and it was worthwhile to have the program reinstated.

Dental hygiene is one of the more expensive programs to run and "any program that has hands on experience requires a smaller student-teacher ratio," said Ono.

Robert Baddeley, director of Allied Health, said the college receives grant money from the government for each student, three years after that student starts. The reinstatement of the Dental Hygiene program had to have a bridge for that three-year period. The college used $300,000 of new incentive funds, with the dental corporate sector contributing another $300,000.

The co-ordinator of the Dental Assistant program, Billie Atkinson, of Welland, has been at Niagara College for 14 years. She said she "enjoys coming to work every morning, and when I don't it's time to retire."

The Dental Assistant program has a limit of 54 students a year. There is "not enough space or equipment, but we get 600 applications," said Atkinson.

"The only thing that has changed on our timetable is that the students now have open labs on Tuesday and Wednesday. It means the students are going to be working at three different subject areas in the same two hour slot," said Atkinson.

The dental assistant assists at chair side, learns about running the front desk and learns patient education. Patient education is teaching clients how to take care of their teeth.

Atkinson said she teaches the chair side assisting skills, front desk skills. She makes sure students have information they need in the other subject areas, sets up the schedules for restorative clinic, and schedules students into field placements.

"It's a great opportunity for the dental programs to move into the new campus, and I'm looking forward to all this new open space," she said.

The new Niagara-on-the-Lake campus is not expected to open until 1996 or later.

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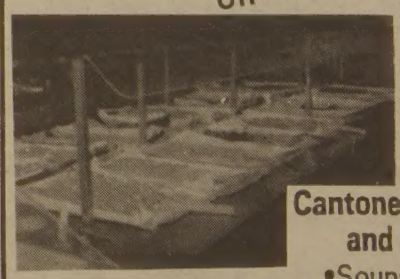

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EDITORIAL PAGE

No mandate for sovereignty

The people of Quebec gave Jacques Parizeau and his Parti Quebecois (PQ) 77 seats and a mandate to govern on Sept. 12.

However, the PQ's victory in the popular vote was by a mere half per cent.

The question: Is the mandate bestowed upon Parizeau indicative of the public's opinion concerning a sovereign Quebec?

The key to analyzing this result is the protest vote. It may be more accurate to say that the Liberals were voted out than the PQ were voted in. Perhaps Quebec voters were more interested in ending nine years of Liberal rule and reviving a stagnant economy than forming a new country.

The PQ's election should not cause a sense of panic throughout the rest of Canada.

Parizeau has made some hefty promises about deficit reduction, and he is the man who tripled the deficit while finance minister under former PQ premier Rene Levesque. His government may be unpopular by the time a referendum is called.

We should remember that Levesque was elected with a larger plurality, but still lost the referendum on sovereignty in 1980.

Parizeau has promised a referendum on separation in 1995, a referendum that can be won by an organized federalist cause.

Michael Wales

The price of democracy

We have but one question. What possible interest could the American government have in restoring democracy to Haiti?

It's been said by American spokespeople all great and powerful political forces have lost patience with leaders in Haiti. Yet, in America, in 1993 an estimated 534 children were killed by guns. Why do they continue to have patience for this?

They have spent thousands of American tax dollars on radios to inform the Haitian people of their intentions; destruction, with the hope of little carnage. When hundreds of people flee their homeland by make-shift buses it would appear the threat of force from American troops has more weight than those of junta forces.

Why can't Bill Clinton take a hint? In his democratic society, 29,058 people died of AIDS last year. Perhaps the money spent on informing Haitians might have been more appropriately spent on educating Americans.

The American public continued to agree and disagree on this issue until the entire crisis was resolved, by one man. They would have participated in opinion polls that had no bearing on the outcome. They would have spent thousands of dollars reading newspapers in the hope of being well informed and endless hours bantering the pros and cons in high profile media coverage.

One man's noble attempt to restore a system of governing would have cost numerous lives as well as numerous tax dollars - this was the obvious. It became increasingly clear to Haitian dictator Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras that this war would cause casualties he was not willing to spend.

I will continue to sit back and watch the business of democratic war take place globally, wondering if Clinton has ordered his troops to educate the populace, on the benefits of democracy right before they die.

My advice to Clinton is "spend your money at home."

Dawn Swayze

Tired of waiting

Dear Editor:

As a new student who has had considerable experience in the working world and has paid good money to attend Niagara College, I would like to express some concerns I have with the way business is being conducted around here.

In my opinion the college bookstore, which in the real world would be considered a monopoly, is not adequately meeting the needs of the customers who depend on its services.

Hours have been too short in the first few weeks of school to allow students time to purchase books without disrupting attendance in classes. The store management has not adequately stocked the store with books and other items ordered by instructors.

The store itself resembles a rummage counter at a flea market. Books are not presented in a manner that makes them easy to find and prices are erratic in comparison to those in privately owned shops out in the real world.

Store management are unavailable and inattentive to the requests, concerns and needs of customers. The customers are, in turn, treated like cattle lined up for branding.

Anyone who has experienced the hours-long wait will agree. Every student I have talked to felt used, abused and ripped off by the store.

I purchased most of my books two weeks in advance. Those that I did not purchase were unavailable to me or were not ordered.

When they finally did show up on the shelves and I complained about the way the store was operating, I was told it was my problem that I had not prepared better.

To be fair, there are some instructors who have failed to place orders with the store, and some problems do exist with the availability of supplies. These are problems any store operator in any market experiences, but not to the degree that this store seems to.

The store management have also agreed to open the store for longer hours beginning Sept. 19. This is very noble, but two weeks late for daytime students.

If this store were operating in a public place, it would be bankrupt in no time at all. If it were forced to operate under the scrutiny of an independent commission, as monopolies in the real world are, they would lose their licence to operate.

During orientation, students were told that we are "the customer," that we are the most important people on the campus. If this is so, if it is not so much hot air and public relations mumbo jumbo, then why is the bookstore permitted to conduct business in this manner?

If we are so important, why are we subjected to the delays and inconveniences created by mismanagement?

There are ways around the problem. Students could take the titles of the texts they require to any reputable book dealer, look up the ISBN, and order them. This route would be cheaper, but might involve a few weeks wait. It would also alleviate the aggravation factor. Those with a little extra cash could buy up extra stock and set up their own retail outlets.

However the onus should be on the bookstore to adequately meet the needs of its clientele. If management is unwilling to bend to the market demand, I'm certain a reputable dealer could be found who would revel in the cornered market.

As for the way the bookstore is stocked, has anyone in the store ever heard of alphabetical order by title? It really is quite simple.

The bottom line here can be summed up in two words: gross mismanagement.

Students, who are expected to pay on time, turn in assignments on time, maintain stellar attendance, exemplify maturity, be respectful and perform all tasks with zeal and enthusiasm, should not have to tolerate it.

William Webster
Year 1 Journalism-Print

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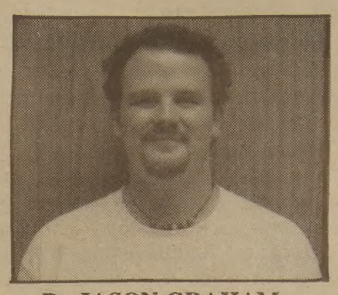

By JASON GRAHAM
Staff Writer

I have a problem.

It seems every time I turn on the television set, or flip through a newspaper, I am barraged with new evidence regarding the now unprecedented Orenthal James Simpson (O.J. to all his friends) trial.

I can now admit there is no way I can be called to be on the jury. I have been influenced.

My head is full of bloody gloves, DNA matches and white Ford Broncos. The darlings of the media have put us all in the court room, right beside O.J. and his harem of defense lawyers.

With pens poised and microphones jutting, the media has taken this case and made it more than a murder trial, it's become a case study for media and law professors until the end of time.

Well, what can I say, I've certainly chosen the right profession. Or have I?

A major repercussion of the intensive trial coverage is the blame the media has assumed for influencing prospective jurors and corrupting the minds of all us simple common folk.

But are the media really to blame? I don't think so.

The O.J. case is just one example (and the most explosive) of what has now become common place in the world of journalism.

People in today's society are more informed then ever, and this is their choice. Information is a service that is bought like any other commodity on the market. People want to read about all the gory details, is it the media's fault just because we give the people what they want?

The big difference is the number of places people can locate this information. News-based television shows have tripled in the past two years.

Newspapers do the same thing. The tabloid newspapers plaster in huge block letters, any underground, deceitful story they can get away with. Why? Because that's what people want, and it's exactly what people buy.

I am smiling as I write this, but it's a sarcastic smile. I continue to look for nobility in a profession that I eventually want to excel in, and occassionly, I find it. Sometimes, late at night, after flipping through page after page of a newspaper, or channel after channel on television, I find something honest, clean and well written (or well presented) and I like it.

If people want to know the details, no matter how gruesome, they will find it, and then the blame falls directly on their shoulders, not mine.

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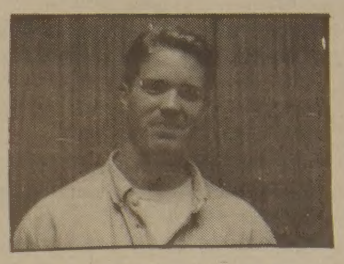

By TREVOR TWINING
Staff Writer

It's taken them a good many years, but they finally got it right.

Anyone who's applied for financial assistance before this year knows exactly what I am talking about.

No more five-hour line-ups or frustration because they (being those who work in the financial aid offices) could only tell you your loan would definitely be in their office sometime between this September and May next year. The whole mess was just another needless worry students had on top of adjusting to college life and making the grade.

And it wasn't just a headache for the students. The staff at the financial aid offices across the province lost, on average, about five years of their lives every time Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) processing time came around. This would make their job the most hazardous in all the college system. Between trying to sympathize with virtually thousands of students and looking for applications in a system that was at best ineffective, sometimes the financial aid officers were worse off than the students.

Now, thankfully, all that has changed.

With the streamlining at OSAP last year, a new, easier application and the "by appointment" process of picking up your OSAP, a good many of the bugs in the system seem to have disappeared. No more line-ups, no more frustrations. In fact, most students have had their OSAP within their first few days of starting college. Now students can concentrate on what they're here for - to get an education.

So, this is just to say thank you to all the people at the financial aid office, all the people at OSAP and, yes, *even the NDP government*, who oversees what we used to call "this bloody mess."

College good choice for many

By CHRISTINE RAWCLIFFE
Staff Writer

Two years ago I was faced with a major decision thousands of other high school students were making at the same time - whether to attend university or college?

My initial choice was to enter the physical education program at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont. I quickly changed my mind when mid-term marks were distributed. My average told me I would be easily accepted into college, but there was no chance for me to experience university.

After speaking to my school's guidance counsellor, I was surprised to discover the majority of my peers were in the same position. It's not as though we were all at the bottom of our class, far from it. We just were not able to obtain the 80 per cent average necessary for admittance into most university programs. We now had four months to select, apply to, and be accepted to a college.

This year's increased enrolment suggests students today are making wise decisions by entering college programs. When I began college, I was hesitant in believing my diploma would lead me to a valid full-time position in "the real world."

Today, in my graduating year of the Journalism-Print program, I feel differently. The practical aspects involved in the program allow me to achieve the hands-on experience necessary in my field that I would be unable to receive in university.

Tuition cost is also a major influence on decisions made between university and college. Many students' budgets do not allow them to spend the $8,000 tuition fee in addition to costs for books and housing.

College costs are a fraction of that, leaving students with more money in their bank accounts and pockets.

The validity of the college diploma has become more apparent in recent years because of growing job opportunities geared towards trade-oriented careers. University degrees are also valuable, but are you prepared to pay the price?

Gone West...found happiness

By KARIN KEIR
Staff Writer

'SOCIAL DISTORTION'

I acted on the advice of a bumper sticker I once read and took some time off to smell the flowers.

My professor and infinitely concise editor advises that we put our thoughts into a 'nutshell' in order to write to be understood. To summarize the last three months of my life, taking time off to smell the flowers best describes it.

Queen's University Social Development student Karla Holmoka studied hard from her comfortable Kingston penitentiary cell.

I hiked through the Pacific Rim rain forest.

Holmoka is trying to impress parole officials who are now reviewing her request of reduction in security status from maximum to minimum. If granted, this represents to Holmoka the eligibility of being moved to a fenceless, 12 bed minimum security facility named the Elizabeth McNeil house.

I was journeying towards the 25th annual, week-long Rainbow Gathering of over 200 hippies living and sharing love on the beach.

This summer Parti Quebecois Leader Jacques Parizeau worked diligently to change the focus of his party's forum from Quebec sovereignty to Quebec's economy. Largely, I assume, because the province will need an economy before it can seperate.

I slept in caves and watched the sun go down over the edge of the Pacific Ocean, only to enjoy the moon assume its position and fill the night sky with an endless sea of brilliant stars.

"I...took some time off to smell the flowers."

The U.S. government reversed its 28-year policy of granting Cubans asylum, deciding instead to admit only 20,000 Cubans yearly. This decision was prompted in reaction to the riots erupting in Havana and the exodus of Cuban boat people arriving on U.S. shores all summer.

I sipped home-made cocktails in the therapeutic sanctity of natural hot springs at the edge of a rushing whitewater river.

While Oliver Stone's 'Natural Born Killers' packed them in at the theatres this summer, I made eye contact with a killer whale over the edge of my fishing boat.

While many of my classmates were ardently working at summer jobs, I was hitchhiking, flying, driving, bussing, boating and hiking my way through beautiful British Columbia, as its provincial licence plate so eloquently boasts.

I learned the difference between being content and striving to be happy. I learned a key to inner peace is practising healthy and reasonable rationalizing of myself and my surroundings. Eating microwave popcorn in front of the TV for this week's episode of the Simpsons is still tops on my priority list, I've just learned to relax.

The bumper sticker holds truth everyone, I find myself smiling a lot and I love the smell of flowers.

Government grant awards $109,000 to Brock

By GORDON HILL
Staff Writer

Niagara College and Brock University have developed a working partnership in the area of aboriginal studies, resulting from a $109,000 provincial government grant awarded to Brock.

The grant was awarded to develop resources for materials an instructor may need regarding aboriginal language and customs.

In accordance with an articulation agreement between Niagara and Brock, printed curriculum and courses offerd at Brock for native language studies in early childhood development will be shared with students at Niagara for college credits.

Through the agreement, a student attending Niagara College interested in an aboriginal language course at Brock, can apply for part- time student status at Brock and receive university credits upon the completion of the course.

Bonnie Winskel, Niagara College's aboriginal access manager, is also the chairperson of the aboriginal council at Brock and helped co-ordinate the collaboration.

"There's no sense in both of us going after the same pot of money for the same purpose when we're so close," she said.

Credits earned from the courses taken at Brock can be applied in Niagara. The aboriginal council is negotiating with Niagara and Brock to apply the credits earned from native language courses in lieu of compulsory English courses.

"Working together with the Vice-President at Brock, Susan Clark, has given us more value for our money," Winskel said.

For its share of the $5.8 million, the provincial Ministry of Education has allotted for its Aboriginal Education and Training Strategy, Niagara and Brock have initiated separate, but co-ordinated programs that compliment each other, Winskel said.

The First Nations and Canadian Society, and Seminars in Intercultural Communications courses offered this year at Niagara, have evolved from the concentrated efforts of Winskel and the Niagara College administration.

The course is designed for students and professionals whose career requires interaction with First Nation people and for students with a desire to learn more about First Nation people based on harmony, peace, and respect for each other's culture, Winskel said.

Winskel works out of the Seventh Fire office in Simcoe, Room 102B. "Our main objective is to re-establish the meaning of the Two-Row Treaty, and through the spirit of that treaty we will be developing programs and sources to meet the needs of aboriginal students. Beyond that we are a resource centre for non-native people including the staff at Niagara College," she said.

The Seventh Fire office is open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and can be reached at Ext. 7414. A lounge in the area is open to everyone.

"Information access is an important part of the office in informing non-natives about native culture," Winskel said.

The new look of After Hours has captured the interests of students.

Photo by Dawn Swayze

New look for After Hours

By ALLAN SHIELDS
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Student Centre (After Hours) has a new look.

Over the summer holidays the Student Centre Managing Committee (SCMC) decided to renovate the interior of After Hours. One month later, reonovations began, co-ordinated by new student centre manager David Rapelje. With help from Herman Guers, a Visual Design and Creative Arts student at the college, the improvements were completed in time for the 1994/95 school year.

The total cost for the complete renovation of After Hours is estimated at $37,000.

About 20 people are now employed by the centre, including new assistant manager Lana Levay.

Matt Abbott, 28, a second-year Broadcast Television student, says he was glad to see the pub didn't look as "industrial" as it did last year. "I was impressed though."

Total cost for renovation estimated at $37,000

"It's nicer than it was last year," says Chantalle Richard, 22, a second-year Law and Security student. "Although it's a bit cluttered, the atmosphere has improved greatly."

Also in his second year, Marcello Orellana, 22, a Human Resources Managment student agrees the centre looks more like a bar. "I was shocked to see how creative it was. A lot of work has been done."

Come check out the new look every Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. where "pub night" has taken overwhelming success.

Social safety net to be changed soon

By WILLY NOILES
Staff Writer

Canada's social safety net will be changed soon, says Lloyd Axworthy, federal minister of human resources and development.

Although making no specific announcements when visiting Niagara Falls on Sept. 15, Axworthy said changes are needed to the country's social safety programs. He was visiting the area to seek public input into the proposed changes.

When social assistance and higher education plans were put in place in the 1960s, only one member of the family worked and programs were designed for that time, Axworthy said, adding these programs have not been re-examined since.

In the 1990s, people are being forced to change careers because the age of long-term employment is gone, he said. Half of the new jobs being created until the year 2000 will require 16 years of education, he added.

Axworthy is expected to present a white paper on social reform to parliament in late October and public hearings will be held by MPs to hear each community's concerns.

Niagara Falls MP Gary Pillitteri said he will ensure the Niagara Region has input into these changes. He said the changes will ready us for the 21st century. "(Wilfred) Laurier prepared us for the 20th century and now Jean Chretien and the Liberal government are preparing us for the 21st century," Pillitteri said.

Getting back to school routine

By BRYAN BERNAT
Staff Writer

"The summer was good; what I remember of it," said Dave Sexton, 22, of St. Catharines.

Sexton is a first-year student at Niagara College in the Manufacturing Engineering Technology program.

Sexton spent his summer working at Peninsula Fittings and at his favorite hangout, The Lakeside Sports Bar in Port Dalhousie.

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Sexton said his reason for coming back to college was to get out of a dead end job; however, the worst part of it is getting up in the morning.

Stacey Pierotti, 21, of St. Catharines, spent her summer working at Gord's and Shooters in St. Catharines as well as whitewater rafting in Ottawa. She also went to Scotland.

Pierotti, a second-year student in the Human Relations program, said she plans to return to Niagara College next year to take a business program. "The thing I hate about being back in school is getting up [in the morning] and the excessive homework," said Pierotti.

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Walking for AIDS awareness

Hopes to raise $30,000 with 'From All Walks of Life'

By BRENT LADEROUTE
Staff Writer

AIDS Niagara is sponsoring its 4th AIDS Walk on Sunday, Oct. 2.

The eight-kilometre walk begins and ends at Montebello Park in St. Catharines. Registration is at noon with the walk beginning at 1 p.m.

Joan Blanchard, director of financial development and community relations for AIDS Niagara, says the theme of this year's walk is to "break the silence" about AIDS. "It's something that has to be done," she said.

The walk, called "From All Walks of Life," highlights the fact that AIDS affects everyone.

She said the purpose of the walk is to draw a response from the public. People with AIDS are "more than just numbers," she said. "Every individual deserves to be responded to in a caring way by the community."

Blanchard said she is hoping there will be more than 500 participants in this year's walk. Three special people will be among those participating this year.

Francois is a young man who is living with the disease. He has already spoken to thousands of students in Niagara area schools about AIDS. Francois is encouraging everyone to walk the Walk for AIDS.

Lena Dadd, and her 17-year-old son, Bobby Mathieson, will also be participating in AIDS Walk '94. Mathieson was diagnosed with HIV, the disease believed to cause AIDS, in 1988. Mathieson first spoke out about the disease on Dec. 1, 1993 in an interview with the Totonto Sun, after a friend died from AIDS.

Blanchard said there are two goals in holding the AIDS walk. The first is to increase public awareness about AIDS and the second is to raise money for AIDS Niagara.

She said the funds raised, with a goal of $30,000, will be used to supply support services for people in Niagara with AIDS and also for educational resources.

Dennis Morris High School in St. Catharines, which raised more than $5,000 last year, is again giving its support to the walk and has also issued a challenge to other schools to join the fight against AIDS.

Arlies Sports Shops, Blanchard said, has made every effort to support this year's walk and has also joined as a sponsor.

AIDS Walk '94 is a prelude to National AIDS Awareness Week, which runs from Oct. 3 to 9, 1994. It is a week of community activities sponsored by member organizations of the Canadian AIDS Society in co-operation with the Canadian Public Health Association and the Canadian Hemophilia Society.

Pledge forms are available at Arlies Sports Shops and Shoppers Drug Marts throughout Niagara. For more information, call AIDS Niagara at (905) 984-8684. AIDS Niagara is located at 50 William St., St. Catharines.

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Correction

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

You know that horrible feeling you get when you do what you think is a good thing, but you end up doing a bad thing, because you didn't check your facts?

All it would have taken is a phone call to get the correct information, instead of charging ahead like a bull in a china shop. You end up offending the very people you thought you were helping. All you can say is, oops, SORRY!

Mistakes were made in the article headlined, $ for AIDS Victim, published in the Niagara News, April 22, 1994 volume 24, No. 16, page 18.

It's hoped the corrected information will make apologies more acceptable.

Lena Dadd and her son, Bobby Mathieson, (not Dadd) spoke to the Early Childhood and Education students last March about the human immunodeficiency virus, (HIV), and acquired immune deficiency syndrome, (AIDS).

Mathieson, 17, who contracted HIV at age three from a tainted blood transfusion, handed out pamphlets from AIDS Niagara to the students and discussed what it was like living with AIDS.

Lisa Charette, 20, of Welland and Arlene Robinson, 24, of Hamilton both ECE students, took it upon themselves to hold a fund-raiser for Mathieson raising $110, (not $200). They presented the cash and a sweat-shirt, donated by the Niagara College Bookstore, to Mathieson.

Neither Mathieson nor Dadd had prior knowledge of the fund-raising event and did not request funding for information printing or any other personal reason.

A St. Catharines resident had started a trust fund for Mathieson to help cover the cost of drugs, about $700 a month and expenses of travelling to Toronto for therapy each month. Mathieson has never lived in Toronto.

The previously mention article made AIDS Niagara look shoddy and Dadd said that was wrong.

"I would like to encourage people to come out for the walkathon on Oct. 2, 1994 in support of AIDS Niagara. That would be a really good thing," said Dadd.

Want ads needed

By EVELYN BAUER
Staff Writer

Attention Niagara News readers.

Need something? Want something? Or just looking around. The Niagara News welcomes all classified advertising dealing with anything that you may want to offer to other readers, such as roommate wanted, books for sale, ride needed and personals.

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SAC wants to hear from all students

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

The new Student Administrative Council (SAC) president welcomes students to come in with any problems or concerns they have.

"We as a student council are here for you (the students) to come in and talk to us with any concerns you might have. After all, we are here for you," says Bernie Kurek, 28, of Fonthill, a second-year Law and Security Administration (LASA) program student.

As president, Kurek is involved with managing and supervising the affairs and operations of a corporation. Kurek holds a position as signing officer and represents the membership at all official functions within and outside the college.

"I am glad to see many students coming in and telling us their concerns about events, overcrowding and problems within programs. We are trying our best to fulfill the students' needs."

Kurek and Bill Andrews, SAC's vice-president of athletics, will be in charge of Winter Course 1995. "I am trying to work on challenging other colleges and to invite them to come and take part in these events," says Kurek, adding "this will raise some competition between colleges.

"As council, we are working well together and I hope that we continue to work well together," he says.

"It is very important to work well in a corporation and don't let personal differences get in the way of a job we must do.

"I would personally like to make sure that students of Niagara College have a very memorable year.

By TAMMY CROCKER
Staff Writer

Executive Vice-President Student Administrative Council (SAC) member Jason Graham certainly has his work cut out for him.

Graham, 24, a second-year Journalism-Print program student, acts as a middle man for employee/employer relations and as student/teacher liaison.

"We are the voice of the students," said Graham. In and out of the SAC office all summer, Graham caught up on his SAC duties before school opened in September.

Last year, SAC experienced its share of unrest. During the 1993-94 school year, SAC had three different presidents. The six-member council also underwent major changes.

"There was not enough stability in SAC," said Graham. "How can students depend on a shaky council?"

Not only was the council in an uproar, but a sign on the council door read: This is not a student hang out.

Graham did not like the sign.

"We encourage students to come in (this year). We want to hear it all, good or bad," he said.

Graham also wants the students to feel comfortable enough with SAC members to freely approach either himself or others on council, especially if the student is having problems.

"I want to welcome anyone who comes to the office."

SAC should reflect the diversity of the student population, he said.

"We're not just SAC for the younger student, we're SAC for every student."

Here is the new 1994 Student Administrative Council (SAC). From left are Linda Shuart, vice-president social; Bill Andrews, vice-president athletics; Jason Graham, executive vice-president; Jeff Poulin, vice-president external; Dawn Swayze, vice-president internal affairs; Bernie Kurek, president.

Photo by Elizabeth Monsere

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

"We are always open to new ideas," says Dawn Swayze, 20, a second-year Journalism-Print student.

Swayze has taken on the task of vice-president of internal affairs for Niagara College Student Administrative Council.

Swayze, who was acclaimed last April, says her needs as a student weren't being addressed and this is why she took the position on council.

"For those students who don't go to the pub I would like to see them have something in return for their student fee, which goes to council. I want to make sure this happens next year for those 4,000 students who have never seen the inside of the pub," says Swayze.

She says she would like to leave council knowing that student pride, student interest, and student activity has improved.

Swayze is in charge of dealing with all internal issues, such as marketing student council, press interests and bringing guest speakers to the college.

Swayze attends all student grade appeals or she sends a delegate.

"I wanted to get a better grasp of what my responsibilities are going to be." Swayze said she spent the summer clearing up loose ends so things can run smoothly for students this year.

"Regardless of what your official title you're a representative of the student body," says Swayze. "You are responsible for student interests, regardless of your position. It takes the entire student council."

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

Student council wants students to come in with any problems or concerns they have. "We are always willing to help," says the new Student Administrative Council (SAC) vice-president external.

"School spirit really needs a boost and student council will really work on this to see that it happens in the upcoming year," says Jeff Poulin, 22, of Welland, a second-year Retail Management program student.

Poulin, who was acclaimed last April, says he has a good business background.

'School spirit really needs a boost and Student council will really work at this'

Jeff Poulin

Poulin is responsible for informing the community on what Niagara College students are involved in. As vice-president of external affairs Poulin is involved with the community and helping out with the annual Red Cross blood donor clinic.

Poulin said he is looking for improvements for the Co-Operative Education programs and he is looking for student input concerning on this issue.

"I am here to do a job and we are here for the students. Student Council works for the students," says Poulin.

The SAC office is located in the rear of After Hours. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each school day.

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

The new Student Administrative Council (SAC) vicepresident of athletics is looking for new ideas from students.

"I would like to enhance student, school life," says Bill Andrews, 38, of Niagara Falls, a second-year Recreation Leadership program student.

Andrews, who was acclaimed last April, says he loves athletics in any form and it can help enrich anyone's life. "This is why I went for the position of vice-president athletics.

"College life is full of stress and exercise is a good way to relief some of the frustration. Athletic events also give a chance for students to meet new people."

He says student council gives him a good opportunity to use what he is learning in his program and to enhance his college experience.

Andrews works closely with the athletic department and organizes athletic events, for example a trip to the Hockey Hall of Fame in the beginning of October. This trip will be for students and also their families.

He is hoping to get feedback from the student body in what they would like from the athletic department.

Andrews would also like to see noon hour aerobics classes to be held for students. "My job is to put on athletic activities."

"I want council to become more visible, we are here for the students. Student council is employed by the students," says Andrews, who is looking forward to the experience of working with a council for the first time.

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

Social life is "very important" to college life, says the new Student Administrative Council (SAC) vice-president social.

"I would like to see more family-oriented activities here at the college. I would like to see events for the children of the students, for example, a skating party for families," says Linda Shuart, 29, of Welland a second-year Human Relations program student.

Shuart, who was elected last April, says the programming for mature students must be changed.

"I ran for a position on student council because I wanted to make a change instead of sitting back. I did something by running for vice-president social," says Shuart, adding my friends gave me a lot of support.

"Working here this past summer gave me a great opportunity to get my feet wet before September. There is a lot that must be done and you can not do this just in the first week of school," says Shuart.

'I ran for a position on student council because I wanted to make a change instead of sitting back'

Linda Shuart

"This gave me a chance to work closely within council and to improve relations among council members.

As vice-president social Shuart organizes events and entertainment in conjunction with the student manager. She plans and coordinates the booking of entertainment with student council, student body, and the manager of After Hours.

Shuart would like to have a battle of the bands in the student centre and set-up a multi-international display for students outside the library.

"I am always open to suggestions and I will to the best of my ability direct students to the proper person on council. All suggestions from students will be considered and decided throughout council," says Shuart.

Davey meets with college's First Nation students

By GORDON HILL
Staff Writer

Beth Davey, post-secondary education counsellor from the Grand River Post Secondary Education Office, met with First Nation students at the Seventh Fire office Sept. 12.

Davey was at Niagara to address any questions or concerns students had as they returned to school or were enrolling for the first year. Most of the questions concerned continuing education and financial aid.

Simcoe 102B, where the meeting was held, is a converted classroom being utilized by the Seventh Fire office as a place for First Nation students to gather, and find help with the demands of continuing their education.

There are about 39 First Nation students attending Niagara College. Some of the students take residences in the area of the college, while most students live in the Niagara Falls and Fort Erie areas.

Davey said she "enjoys coming out to the college." With 337 students in her area, she is "very busy."

"The education office has about 1,000 students on file, and I like meeting the students personally," she said.

Niagara College is among many area colleges Davey works with. She is responsible for the counselling of students in the Niagara Region, as well as Buffalo, N.Y., and all of Western Canada.

The education office restructured and adopted a system of specific responsibility two years ago when Davey joined the staff at the J.C. Hill School in Oshweken, Ont., located on the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford.

She said the system is working a little more smoothly under restructuring.

Under the new system, a counsellor can establish long term contacts at the colleges in their area, which allows them to assist the students to the best of their ability.

"The system is working well, with other counsellors sometimes sitting in on meetings with students who are interested in colleges not in my area," Davey said.

Students in need of assistance can contact Bonnie Winskel at the Seventh Fire office and she will help them or put them in touch with Davey.

Beth Davey, education counsellor, speaks to Niagara College First Nation students.

Photo by Gordon Hill

Collins wins nomination

By JOHN SAKARS
Staff Writer

Niagara College teacher and St. Catharines regional councillor Mike Collins is running for provincial government.

Collins won the Liberal nomination in the St. Catharines-Brock riding on Aug. 17, earning his chance to win a seat at Queen's Park as an MPP.

"I'd like to be one of the 130 people making the laws at Queen's (Park), and hopefully make a contribution," he said.

Collins, 50, of St. Catharines, said his party is organizing a team and looking for volunteers for his first provincial campaign as a candidate. He said he expects the election will be called for next May or June.

Voters will have three or four candidates and parties to choose from, said Collins, including current NDP MPP Christel Haeck.

"Christel will put forth a clean but hard-fought campaign," he said, adding that he's not taking anything for granted because he said voters don't follow opinion polls. "I hope it's close. I know it'll be exciting."

Collins has been in politics since he was elected to St. Catharines city council in 1974. He was re-elected in 1975, then elected to regional council in 1985, 1988 and 1991. But he said he won't be running this fall for regional council, concentrating instead on the provincial election campaign.

Collins said he likes to work in public service because "every so often you actually have a chance to help someone, or a group of people, who are struggling with a problem.

"It's going to be an exciting campaign. Quite a change of pace from teaching at the college," he said.

He has been a teacher at Niagara College since it opened in 1967.

New native exhibit

The Centre for the Arts at Brock University and the Woodlands Cultural Centre of Brantford present Internal Recall at The Gallery, Brock University, St. Catharines.

Internal Recall is a collaborative exhibit of First Nation artists, among them Edward Poitras, who created the centrepiece for the exhibit. Also on hand are works by Carl Beam, Theresa Marshall, Bill Powless, Tom Hill, Daniel Moses, Patricia Deadman and Vernan Pardeahtan.

The exhibit is open to the public until Oct. 7. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is free.

Sanctuary offers help

By MIKE MICHAUD
Staff Writer

If you are a staff member with a new idea about teaching, you should seek The Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary is an area for staff to meet and discuss how to improve teaching methods. It is located in the M.I.S. office at L14A on the Welland campus.

"We're educating the changing learner," said Elizabeth Weldon, director, Management Information Systems (MIS).

The Sanctuary consists of three areas: a reading lounge, a meeting room and a computer area. In the reading lounge staff will find manuals for all the college's computer software. They can hold formal or informal meetings in the large meeting room to exchange new ideas. The computer area holds six computer terminals, two of which have CD ROM drives for multimedia purposes. The computers in the Sanctuary are linked with each other, as well as being on-line to outside networks.

Weldon, who is interim chair of New Educational Approaches to Teaching (N.E.A.T.), said although there are formal meetings scheduled; she hopes to encourage informal "lunch bag" discussions.

"We hope it will become a place to enhance the whole teaching and learning process," she said.

The Sanctuary was created with the help of N.E.A.T., which is "an informal group of staff who met to share new ideas." N.E.A.T. first met in February of this year.

Weldon said the group discussed everything from multimedia to group projects. Shortly after this meeting, N.E.A.T. joined with the Professional Development Faculty Sub-Committee to support the Sanctuary.

The next N.E.A.T. meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 26 at 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Niagara to hold conference

By TAMMY CROCKER
Staff Writer

In The Loop is coming to town!

On Oct. 21 and 22, Niagara College's various program advisory committees, their co-ordinators and the college's Board of Governors will meet for the first annual In The Loop conference.

The conference, to be held at the Niagara Falls campus, is designed to bring together the college's advisory committees, Board of Governors, program co-ordinators, directors and faculty into the "Loop" of information.

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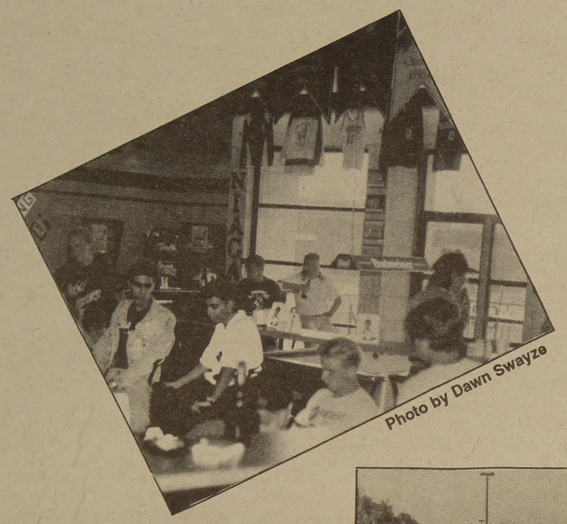

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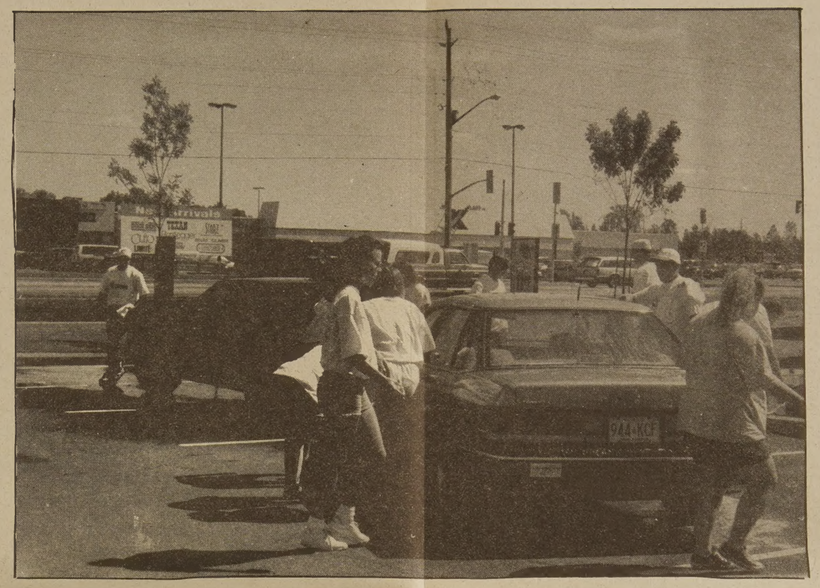

Shinerama participant Tiffany Panchen soaps up a customer's car at the Shinerama car wash held at the Niagara Street Canadiana Tire store.

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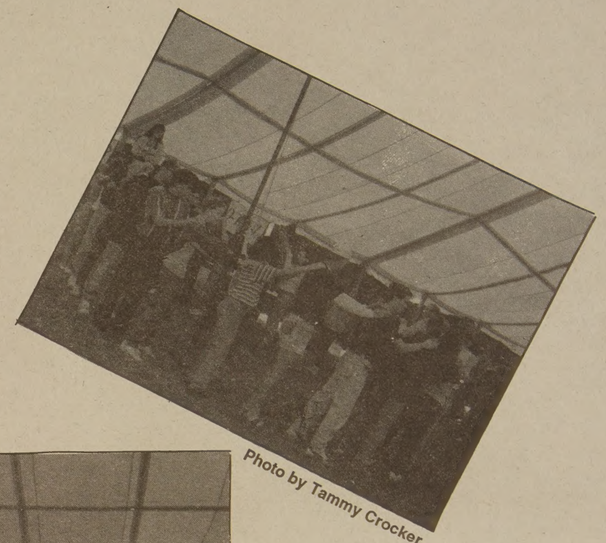

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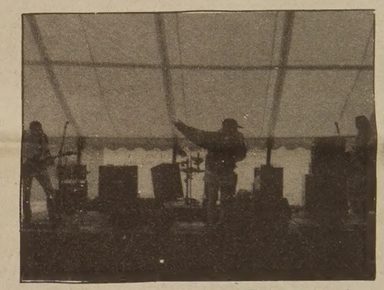

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Participants having a ball at orientation.

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Shinerama lacks support

By ELIZABETH MONSERE and TAMMY CROCKER
Staff Writers

Shinerama is an event promoted across the country to support people with cystic fibrosis. Shinerama is the largest charity event among Canadian post-secondary institutions including Niagara College.

Shinerama has been the most popular fundraiser since 1964, raising more than $8.7 million for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

"This event helped student awareness and the fight against this deadly disease," says Dawn Swayze, Student Administrative Council (SAC) vice-president of internal affairs.

Time is money and the money is for cystic fibrosis, she says.

Shinerama raised $272 and SAC donated $1,000 to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Shinerama is sponsored by about 60 universities and colleges, which participate in this national event.

The Certified General Accountants Association of Ontario (CGA) sponsors Shinerama throughout Ontario. Kodak sponsored the 1994 Shinerama in Canada.

Jeff Poulin, director of Shinerama and SAC's vice-president external, says he was disappointed with students' participation in this event. "I wish that Shinerama had a better turnout."

On Sept. 10, student council sponsored a pancake breakfast and a car wash at the Welland Canadian Tire store on Niagara Street. On Sept. 16, SAC had a faculty shoeshine.

"I would like to give my special thanks to Jason Graham, SAC's executive vice-president, and Trevor Twining, student centre promotions manager, for helping with Shinerama as well as student council. I would like to give special thanks to the students, who did come out to participate," says Poulin.

"As vice-president of athletics I was disappointed after student council voted to support the hockey team and the rookies were notified that their services were needed, and they did not show up," says Bill Andrews, SAC's vice-president of athletics.

Orientation a 'smash hit'

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

Niagara College orientation proved once again to be a "smash hit."

The two-day event, held Sept. 6 and 7, brought together about 2,700 first-year students to the Welland campus.

The day's activities started out by giving the new students a closer look at the campus.

The campus tours began at 9 a.m. as second-year students (frosh leaders) showed the new students the various buildings at the college.

As the day's events continued, the new students were introduced to the new Student Administrative Council (SAC) members.

New SAC President Bernie Kurek welcomed the new and returning students.

"We are here to work for you and student council will help with any of your concerns or problems," he said. "Student council is voted by you and we are here to do the best job possible. Let's have a good time and rock'n'roll.

"The orientation had a good turnout, but not as good as we're hoping," he said.

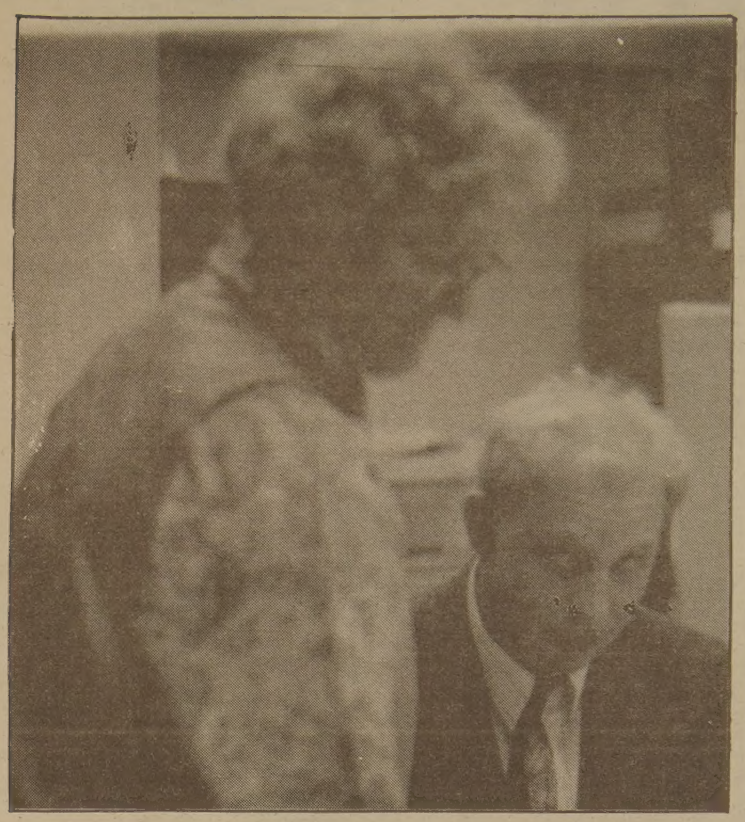
"I thought the orientation was well-organized," said Mike Demaiter, 19, a first-year Electrical Engineering Technician program student. "The best part of the campus tour was finding out where the pub is located. Orientation was a smash hit and a blast."

In both afternoons of orientation, there were live bands performing for the enjoyment of the students, many of whom said they were feeling nervous.

The total number of students at Niagara College is 4,772.

"The programs for orientation were well put together and the students who were here got something out of orientation," said Lou Dimattio, the college's assistant director of student life and success. "The question we ask ourselves is how do we involve more students. How do we get more students to come out for orientation?"

Why not catch the regional bus?



Lou DiMattio, assistant to the director of student life, and Bernie Kurek, president of Student Administrative Council, discuss new transit schedules.

Photo by Sue Noble

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

It took four years and a lot of hard work by all the transit systems for the Niagara region to finally amalgamate.

Lou DiMattio, Niagara College assistant to the director of student life said Charles Stolte, Welland's transit superintendent, Sandy Casey, general manager of Niagara transit, Frank Brant, St. Catharines transit commissioner, Eric Gillespie, transit superintendent of St. Catharines and many others have been instrumental in getting the system on line.

As of Sept. 8, Niagara Falls, Welland, Thorold and St. Catharines linked their bus transit services through Brock University, said Director of Administrative Services for Brock, Al Pedler.

"The big difficulty was getting the mechanics of the system on line. Hopefully, by next September we will have a Universal Pass, rather than each transit system charging different fees," said Pedler.

He said about 1,700 Niagara College students could benefit from this system, along with about 250 Brock students from the Welland area.

"Once the kinks are worked out, this will be an excellent and affordable method of transportation for many of our students," said DiMattio.

Gillespie said, "There are about 900 students living in St. Catharines, so that's basically their transit market focus. Obviously those 900 students, that previously did not have a public transportation alternative when travelling from St. Catharines to Welland, will now have that option.

"What we've done here is a major undertaking. We're the first community to ever put together a regional transit system like this," said Gillespie.

"Operationally getting to the point where we could come to one common regional centre, like Brock University, is the first step," said Gillespie, adding "what we've got to get established now is a customer base, and at that point, we will be able to offer a universal pass.

"The universal transit pass will be an evolutionary process," he said.

The fare rate can be broken down in two ways, Gillespie said. "If you're paying a cash fare, you can travel anywhere in the region on a one way trip for $3.

"Where the passes come into play is, if our riders already have a transit pass, they may be using the transit for many other types of trips. If they want to travel into the other regions, they would deposit the additional fare after they transfer buses," said Gillespie.

"So that's the two fares. One is the cash fare of $3 and the other is using a pass and paying the additional $2 upon transfer."

"Another thing to keep in mind is, this is not just a system for post secondary students at Brock and Niagara campuses," said Gillespie. "It's a service for anybody in the region. They now have access to a public transit system, whether to or from Niagara Falls, Welland, Thorold or St. Catharines."

He added, "We provide 15-minute service to Brock, because of the high demand for it. There are five specific times during the day when all of the regional buses meet at Brock University."

Good chance for co-op placements

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

The numbers are in and the Co-op department is pleased with the results.

Leo Tiberi, Niagara College's manager of Co-operative Education and Career Services, says the numbers for last summer's placement are "very good," especially in the technology field, but he has concerns not all students have came forward for co-op placements.

"I'd like to capture the excitement this year, and really emphasize to students that they register with us," said Tiberi.

"In order for us to do our jobs, we need to know who the students are."

"Last year, students showed up in May and were asking 'Where is my work placement?', and we don't even have a record of them," he said.

"This year, our marketing plan is to learn more about the students, where they want to work, what wages they expect so then we can set up a plan to approach employers, but we don't want to find placements then find out students are expecting higher wages, and/or in another city," said Tiberi.

Tiberi said employees expect students to be prepared.

He said most placements in technology are expected to earn an average of $8 to $12 an hour for a 35- to 40-hour week.

"We provide postings for the students, but the students must ultimately be responsible for securing the positions," said Tiberi. "The employers expect the students to prepare for the interview and to demonstrate that students have what it takes to do the job."

Tiberi wants students to understand the labor market is very competitive. The joint efforts of the college, employers and, especially, the students are required.

Work placements are better, especially in technology. For example, in mechanical engineering for second-year students, Co-op found placements for 89 per cent of all students; 93 per cent for second-year manufacturing engineering technology students; and 97 per cent for first-year horticultural technician students.

Body language helps

By LORI DUCK
Staff Writer

There are students at Niagara College who come from a long way away.

The students in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program come from as far away as Japan, Korea, Mexico, Thailand and Chile.

Dennis Malone, director of the college's International Education, goes to Asia annually to attend "education fairs" and spread the word about the ESL program at Niagara College.

The program has 30 students this year. They are taking such courses as grammar, oral communication, language lab (listening), reading and writing and cultural adaptation, the learning of Canadian culture.

There are three levels: beginner, intermediate and advanced, dependent on the student's knowledge of English.

Susan Vandenboom, coordinator of English as a Second Language for International Students, gives an assessment test during orientation to evaluate English skills. The students' speaking, listening, reading, comprehension and writing skills are tested.

An assembly is held for the ESL students weekly. All three classes meet and three representatives, chosen by each skill level, organize events for the students. They go on trips to such places as the apple orchard and the pumpkin patch.

"Body language is sometimes used to communicate with the students when they don't understand," says Vandenboom, who finds it difficult to get the students to communicate during class; in Asian countries the students come to class, take down notes and don't question the teacher. It is considered "impolite" to raise your hand and ask questions, she says.

While here, students live with a host family or with fellow students. To acquire a better understanding of Canadian culture, students meet with a conversation partner to talk about the differences between the two countries.

For the first time, Vandenboom said she already has enough conversation partners, but if others want to apply in the event someone can't finish the full year, they should contact Susan Vandenboom at ext. 7507 or go to Portable 2 behind Hennepin.

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Registrar ends long career with Niagara

By PAUL HARDY
Staff Writer

After 27 years of service to Niagara College, and an academic and business career spanning three countries, registrar Ivar Noren is now set to retire.

Noren, 61, will spend a few more days here tying up loose ends before handing over duties to new registrar Alan Vaughan.

Noren, who has been with Niagara since it opened in 1967, has held a variety of positions over the years. He started out as assistant chair of the accounting programs, then went on to become chair of what is now the business division.

After managing numerous special projects, such as evening business courses, Noren became the head of the applied arts division, which is now known as Media and Design. He has been registrar for the last three years.

Noren, originally from Norway, started out his academic career at a business college in Oslo, from which he graduated in 1954. From there he went on to the University of Texas, and then the University of Houston, where he received his degree in business administration with a major in accounting.

After he finished school, he came to Canada where he was hired as an auditor for the public accounting firm of Ernst & Ernst in Montreal, where he earned his chartered accountant designation.

Following his stint with Ernst & Ernst, he came to Welland where he was first hired as assistant controller for Atlas Steels before arriving here at Niagara College.

Noren said he has enjoyed the collegiate atmosphere, as well as being part of the education process.

"You cannot help but feel that education matters very much and to feel that you have been part of seeing young people getting an education that is meaningful to them," said Noren. "That . . . is the greatest reward."

Noren said there have been some "enormous" challenges he has had to face at Niagara over the years. One of those challenges has been to maintain the level of service students expect, while at the same time dealing with shrinking resources. He said the college has had to deal with meeting the needs of an increasing number of students with less money and without the benefit of hiring new staff.

He said the solution to the problem has been to "work smarter" and said everyone was called on to "use their imagination" to be able to work with fewer resources.

Asked if there is anything about his job that he won't miss, Noren said "nothing comes to mind that is awfully terrible." He said the college has been an "exceptional employer" and his colleagues have been pleasant to work with.

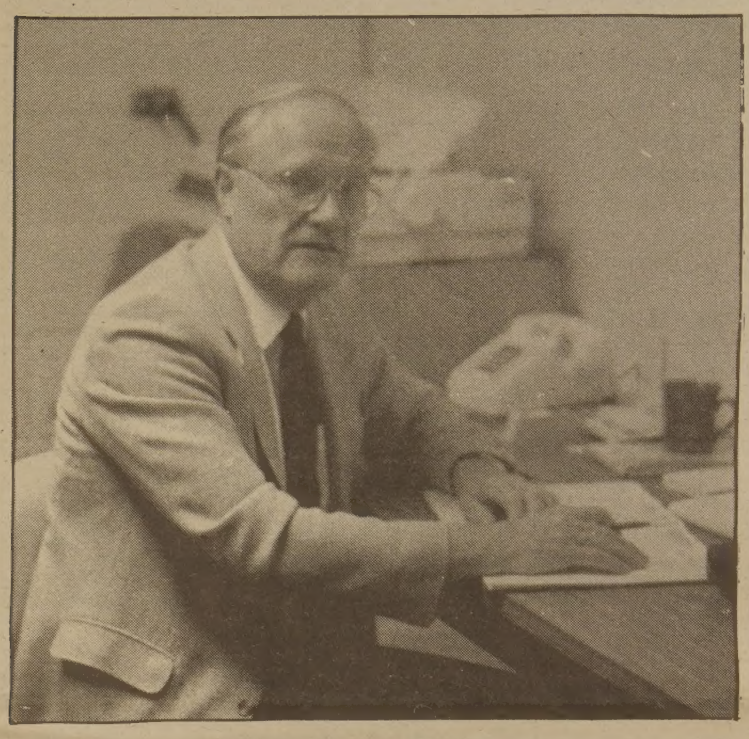
The married father of two children said he plans on taking a well-deserved break from the hectic schedule he has kept for most of his life.

Noren said he has always been involved in various community activities. He is a past president of the United Way, and has been involved with the South Niagara Rowing Club, the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association and the Canadian Commonwealth Games Association.

Noren said the first order of business upon retirement will be a trip to the United States for his mother-in-law's 90th birthday.

He said he plans to play more golf in the summer and do more cross-country skiing in the winter.

Noren has also recently taken up the craft of wine-making. "I want to do more of that and consequently will have to drink more wine," he joked.



Retiring registrar Ivar Noren works in his office at Hennepin Hall.

Photo by Paul Hardy

Student designs winning brochure

Lana Plante, 36, a second-year Visual and Creative Arts-Design student, submitted the winning entry in a contest to design a new brochure for the Welland Historical Museum.

Photo by Paul Hardy

Magazine published for schizophrenics

By VICTORIA BECK
Staff Writer

With information comes knowledge, understanding and awareness. William MacPhee says he hopes his newly launched Schizophrenia Digest will do that.

Next month, National Schizophrenia Month, Friends of Schizophrenia chapters nationwide will "Walk the World" in a fundraiser for research. Mental Health Awareness Week is Oct. 2-9.

MacPhee says the idea for the Schizophrenia Digest came about 1 1/2 years ago.

The "idea of a newsletter grew and grew into a full fledged magazine," said MacPhee. "Why should people with schizophrenia have a lower class newsletter, why not have a full magazine?"

He said he is "trying to design the magazine for the readership so that the more input I can get the better. The magazine is for people with schizophrenia, for their family members, and also for the medical profession and service providers.

"We plan to make it grow with the media, we plan to get into videotapes and perhaps a cable TV show," MacPhee said. The videos would be seminars on stress management, education and how to fight schizophrenia.

MacPhee was 24 when diagnosed with schizophrenia. He said he was paranoid and delusional. "I suffered a lot of the negative symptoms of schizophrenia.

"There are negative and positive symptoms. Positive symptoms are hallucinations, hearing voices and delusions. Negative symptoms don't mean they're worse than the positive symptoms. It's just another aspect on the scale. Negative refers to lack of motivation, no ambition, very lethargic, anti-social, withdrawn and depression."

Schizophrenia is the most common mental illness. One out of 100 people are schizophrenic, he said. Other illnesses include manic depression and mood swings.

Intentional or not, 10 per cent of people with schizophrenia are successful in committing suicide, he said. The person may hear voices that tell them to harm themselves. Others may be desperate because of the depression.

Schizophrenia is tricky to diagnose but there are certain key factors used such as hallucinations and hearing voices. "To get a real good diagnosis it will take about three months to be sure it is schizophrenia," said MacPhee.

Anti-psychotic drugs, anti-depressants and medication for the side effects from the drugs are used. Some of the medication is in tablet form but also there are injections, a long acting medication. It is a good thing, said MacPhee, because some schizophrenics do not take their medication if it is in tablet form. The medication in needles lasts between one week to about one month.

MacPhee said schizophrenia is a no-fault illness. It is not caused by anything in a person's upbringing. Schizophrenia is tricky to find its root cause. A theory is partly genetic, it's definite it is partly bio-chemical, and stress is a factor.

Schizophrenia is not a split personality; it is a split from reality. Schizophrenia can be controlled but it is a longterm illness. It might take years to get the illness under control, said MacPhee.

The genetic theory is a child with one parent with schizophrenia has a 10 per cent chance of being schizophrenic. With two parents the percentage is 50, said MacPhee.

In the recovery process, it is important to get socially involved, he said, adding "to get friends who take you as you are."

MacPhee said he gives a lot of the credit for his success to the Lord. He is a born-again Christian. "The church has been a very helpful, supportive atmosphere."

The magazine goes across Canada with 15,000 copies being distributed. The Schizophrenic Society of Canada will get 8,000 and the rest will go to psychiatrists and pharmacies.

An introductory issue was published in June and the premier issue will come out in October. The Schizophrenia Digest will be published every four months.

A subscription costs $16.02 a year. For more information on schizophrenia, write to Schizophrenia Digest, 176 Catherine St., Fort Erie, ON., L2A 2J5.

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Bassi moves on, Beattie keeps tradition alive

By DAVE CRANE
Staff Writer

For the first time in 24 years, Fred Bassi will not be found behind the bench of the Niagara College Knights hockey club.

Bassi, a member of the athletic department at Niagara, has taken his coaching skills to a different level of hockey.

Bassi has become the head coach of the Welland Jr. B Cougars but will continue to be involved with the Knights in a general manager position.

"As far as the Knights go, I will be responsible for all the off-ice duties such as booking buses, road trips, scheduling games and attending league and team meetings," he said.

The Golden Horseshoe Jr. B League will offer Bassi some new coaching challenges, including coaching his son, Dan, for the first time.

"The college players are a little more mature," says Bassi. "With the younger players in Jr. B there may be a bit more teaching involved," he said, adding, "as long as players want to play the game — they're easy to coach."

"As long as players want to play the game- they're easy to coach,"

-Bassi

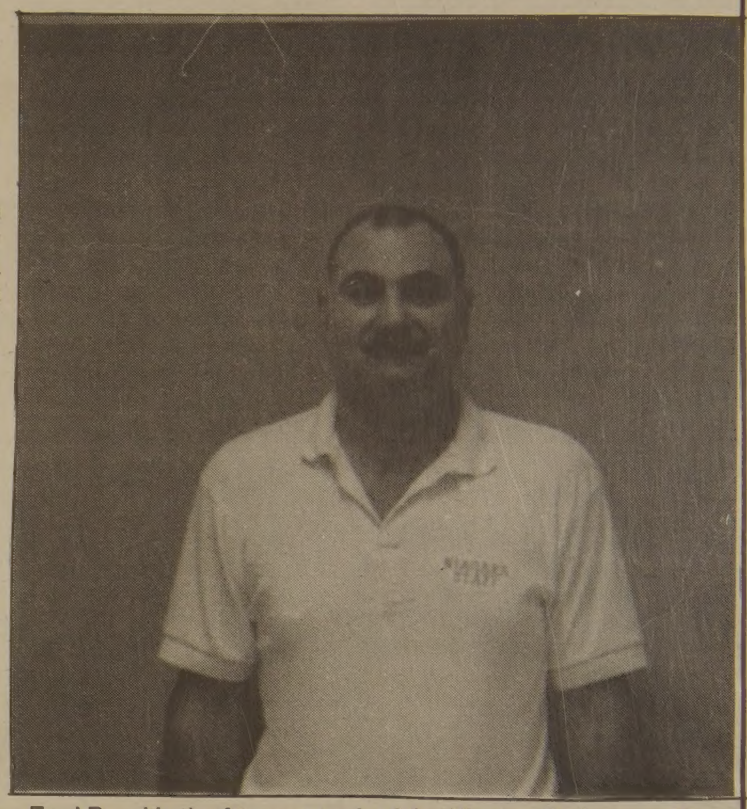
The Knights will have a new head coach for the first time in team history, although he is a familiar face to the program and the returning players.

Jim Beattie, 29, brings seven years of Niagara College hockey experience to the job (three as a player and four as assistant coach).

"We have a good nucleus of returning players and I can't see any reason why we won't be in the hunt for a championship," says Beattie, who is well aware of the shoes he will be attempting to fill.

"Fred spent a long time looking for a replacement to take the college team and I plan to stick around for the long haul and keep this program healthy," he said.

The Knights open the regular season on Friday, Oct. 28 in Sault Ste. Marie with hopes of bettering the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association (OCAA) silver medal they won last season.



Fred Bassi is the former coach of the Niagara College men's hockey club.

Photo by Dave Crane

More school spirit is needed

By HEATH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Way to go team we won again. But does anybody care?

The amount of school spirit at Niagara College leaves much to be desired. Many students don't even know where the gym is located. If asked how well the teams did during the season, most wouldn't have a clue.

Many students work hard all year long to get in shape and keep physically fit in order to play for their school. OK, many play because they love the sport, no other reason than that. The competition runs through their veins. They love to work up a sweat win or lose.

When they do perform well, who is there to say congratulations? The busy schedules of most students barely allow enough time to get to the pub and 'visit' with friends, let alone enough time to wander off to the gym.

There are many different sports to choose from, badminton, basketball, curling, golf, hockey, soccer, touch football and volleyball.

The teams of Niagara College deserve all of the credit that the student body can give them. Their hard work goes unnoticed all year with little justification at the end.

These students represent you, the ungrateful, nonappreciative who only remember them when it comes time to brag.

So get out there and support your teams. If you don't they may not be there next year.

Knights' hockey is reinstated

By DAVE CRANE
Staff Writer

For the 25th consecutive season, the Niagara College men's varsity hockey team will hit the ice thanks to a reinstatement of the hockey program by the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

The hockey program was folded last season in an attempt to save funds so the college's athletic department could support two new teams - women's varsity basketball and women's indoor soccer.

The program was reinstated by SAC last April.

Rob Lemaitre, 22, a second-year Law and Security Administration program student, initiated a petition in hopes to save the team.

"I felt there was a need to save our program which had been so successful in recent years," said the second-year goalie.

The petition, which received support from about 700 college students, was presented to Niagara College President John Saso, Vice-President of Student Life and Human Resources Carol Boettcher and Peter Rylander, coordinator of athletics, by Lemaitre and some of the team personnel.

"After the meeting we decided to re-evaluate the situation and with the help of SAC were able to bring hockey back," said Rylander.

"We looked into the situation and with the help of SAC were able to find enough money to run all three teams," he added.

Leafs make changes

By FRANK SEKRA
Staff Writer

The new look Toronto Maple Leafs are gearing up for the 1994-95 hockey season and another run at good old Stanley.

The Leafs open their season Oct.1 with new bodies in the line-up they hope will make a solid impact on the club.

The team did some major shopping this summer picking up proven centres Mats Sundin and Mike Ridley. Sundin is a 23-year-old talented performer with his best years still to come, while nine-year veteran Ridley has averaged 76 points in his last six seasons.

The acquisition of this talent did not come cheap. Captain Wendel Clark, steady defenseman Sylvain Lefebvre, rugged winger Rob Pearson and projected future star Landon Wilson are all gone.

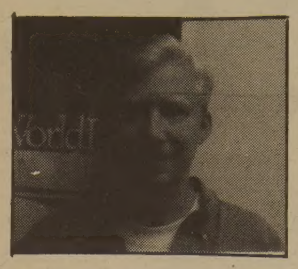
The big risk that general manager Cliff Fletcher has chosen to take has many doubting the GM's latest deal. Remember, this is the man who got Doug Gilmour to Toronto not so long ago.

The Leafs are a better skilled team now than the one that lost in the Stanley Cup semifinal last year. But will the pressure of reaching the final four for the third straight season be too much to handle for coach Pat Burns and the boys?

One area the team will need help in to be successful this year is toughness. With Clark gone that leaves Ken Baumgartner and he contributes more to fighting than hitting. With him in the penalty box more than on the ice that could mean trouble for some of the lightweights on the Leafs. Toughness on the wings is needed, especially come playoff time.

Don't forget Thursday, Oct. 13, the day Wendel Clark comes back to Toronto with his Quebec Nordiques.

The season that could have been



By MICHAEL WALES
Staff Writer

Arrogance, greed and stubborness have finally brought about the inevitable - they've cancelled the World Series.

What hurts the most is when you think about what could have been. The Cleveland Indians and the Montreal Expos might have met in the World Series.

Ken Griffey Jr. might have broken Roger Maris' home run record, but not if Frank Thomas had won the Triple Crown.

And I might have won my rotisserie - league championship. Well ... sometimes one must exaggerate to make a point.

And the reason for all of this?

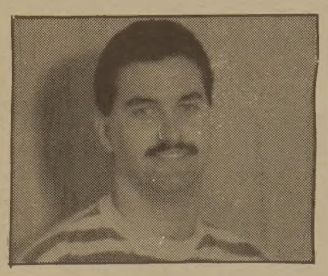
What was once a pastime is now a business. Unfortunately, it seems that no one seems to play the game for the sake of playing the game anymore. Players are no longer players, they are businessmen who seem to care about nothing more than money - and lots of it.

It is not my point to write a dissertation on the pros and cons of the salary cap, but in baseball's case I don't think it's unreasonable. People with more than two commas in their salary should not be allowed to strike over the issue of money.

And unfortunately, it is not the players who are suffering. It's probably fair to assume that most of them have enough in their savings accounts to tide them over until a settlement is reached. I doubt the owners are suffering either.

The victims are the fans, the ones who pay these exorbinant salaries in the first place.

Salary caps a big issue



By HEATH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Are baseball and hockey players right in trying to stop the implementing of salary caps?

That's the question asked recently of various students at the Welland campus of Niagara College.

There was some debate as to who is wrong. Some say the owners are being greedy, while others say the players are way out of line.

Barrett Gabriel, 19, a first-year Business Administration program student, said "they [the players] are paid too much now."

Marc Henry, 21, a first-year Business Accounting program student, agrees with Gabriel. "The owners are trying to run a business, other businesses are hurting right now too."

'Fans just want to see their sports'

"The owners are not right, if you've got the skills you should be paid for it. It's just like any other job," said Paul Jennings, 21, a first-year Radio and Television Broadcasting (BRTV) program student.

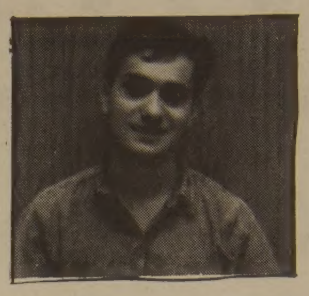
Tim Kersh, 25, who is also a first-year BRTV program student, agrees the players are right in trying to stop salary caps "I think they [the players] learned from the National Basketball Association (NBA) , it's not working for them either. Fans just want to see their sports," he said.

"All players should be paid equal with various incentives for better players," said Betty Dorsey, 23, a first-year Health Records Technician program student.

Dorsey proposes to have management offer houses and cars instead of cash.

With the estimated losses approaching $1 billion, the opinions of all fans are partially the same, as Kersh stated: "Fans just want to see their sports."

Big changes in NFL



By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

Now that the baseball season is over, Deion Sanders has found a new home. He recently signed a one-year, $1.3 million contract with the National Football League's San Fransisco 49ers. His impact could be what San Francisco needs to win the Super Bowl on Ja 1. 29.

This year the new salary cap has caused some interesting changes in the NFL.

Don't be surprised to see an upset in the making

Some big names changed teams, including Nade Odomes, from Buffalo to Seattle, Warren Moon from Houston to Minnesota and Scott Mitchell from Miami to Detroit.

The salary cap has caused some teams to be bigger and better, such as the Seattle Seahawks, Detroit Lions and New York Jets. But the salary cap has also made some teams a little weaker, such as the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys, Buffalo Bills, L.A. Raiders and Miami Dolphins.

Look for veteran quaterbacks Boomer Esiason of the Jets, Troy Aikman of Dallas and Joe Montana of San Francisco to have stellar years.

Also watch for Cornelius Bennett of Buffalo, Thurman Thomas of Buffalo and Emmitt Smith of Dallas to have more success this year.

Look for some rookies from last year to make big waves this year, including Rick Mirer of Seattle, Drew Bledsoe of New England and Jerome Bettis of the Los Angeles Rams.

Look for some newcomers this year to make big waves, such as Marshall Faulk of the Indianapolis Colts, Dan Wilkinson of the Cincinnati Bengals and Sam Adams of Seattle.

In the NFC, expect to see San Francisco, Dallas and Detroit to win their divisions, while Minnesota, Green Bay, Philadelphia should earn wild card spots.

In the AFC, expect to see the Miami , Pittsburgh and Seattle win their divisions, while Buffalo, Kansas City and N.Y. Jets should earn wild card spots.

Expect San Francisco and Dallas to meet in the NFC finals, while Seattle and Kansas City to play in the AFC finals.

Don't be surprised to see an upset in the making, with Seattle facing San Fransisco in the Super Bowl, and the 49ers winning 38-27.

Toronto Maple Leaf centre Doug Gilmour at a recent celebrity slo-pitch tournament in Niagara Falls.
Photo by Gordana Pirker

Gilmour supports former teammate

By GORDANA PIRKER
Staff Writer

Hockey star Wendel Clark received a warm farewell from one former teammate and a warm hello from a new teammate while visiting the Niagara Region recently.

Toronto Maple Leaf centre Doug Gilmour was in Niagara Falls, Ont. this summer participating in Niagara'a annual charity slo-pitch game between National Hockey League players, the Boys of Winter and Niagara Falls Thunder at Oakes Park.

Clark, traded to the Quebec Nordiques in June, left many Leaf fans shocked and angry. But Gilmour said he spoke to Clark shortly after the trade and supports his teammate.

"He's looking at it in a different perspective now," said Gilmour. "He's still going to a Canadian team and there's going to be a lot of Quebec fans now. People love Wendel."

Asked if he was expected to fill Clark's role, Gilmour was quick to answer he was not replacing the former captain. "I'm going out to play the same way I did. This is a new team, new people and we can't get down because we lost a great guy like Wendel."

'All the power to Wendel'

But this season, Leaf fans will see "Captain Crunch" in a different light, wearing a Nordique jersey and checking Leaf players.

In an earlier interview in St. Catharines, Nordique winger Owen Nolan, of Thorold, said he's looking forward to having Clark on his team. "It's great. I like Wendel and he is the person we need to complete the team. It's like having the missing piece to the puzzle," Nolan said.

As far as team morale goes in the Leaf change room, Gilmour said the squad is still positive and the team is ready for the first game against their former captain.

"All the power to Wendel," said Gilmour. "Wendel is going to be the most exciting guy on the damn ice ... and that's his day. We want to beat them and that's all I want to say ... it's his day."

Clark's first day on the job as a Nordique was Sept. 12 against the Ottawa Senators. He scored his first goal.

Quebec won 5-4.

It will be more interesting watching Quebec play Toronto this year.

ENTERTAINMENT

Rawlins Cross plays at Niagara College

By JASON GRAHAM
Staff Writer

It took over 3,000 kilometeres and three provinces, but Rawlins Cross made it to Niagara College.

On Sept. 19, the After Hours pub was treated with the eclectic sounds of Rawlins Cross, a band from Newfoundland.

With emphasis put on alternative programming, Dave Rapelje, Student Centre manager, said, "It was an excellent start to a year with a diverse programming schedule."

'We were looking to play some soft seat venues instead of normal clubs.'

Ian Mckinnon, who plays bagpipes, tin whistle, trumpet, and bodhran met Dave and Geoff Panting, guitar player and accordian player respectively, six years ago in St. John's, Nfld., and formed Rawlins Cross. Drummer Howie Southwood and bass player, Brian Bourne were the next to join and the last piece of the musical puzzle was lead singer, Joey Kitson who already had a large following from his home town in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Niagara College isn't the only college at which Rawlins Cross has appeared. They played Toronto's Centennial College with The Wild Strawberries earlier in the year and appeared at McMaster University in Hamilton on Sept. 20.

"We were looking to play some soft seat venues, instead of normal club dates," said McKinnon.

With the success and radio play of the song *Reel 'N' Roll* Rawlins Cross will be touring most of southern Ontario before heading north, to play at colleges and other community concert venues.

The Panting brothers are the driving force behind most of the writing in Rawlins Cross' songs. The lyrics are full of references to Newfoundland, a place all the band members now call home.

Rawlins Cross will also be appearing in a nationally telecast concert, opening for another east coast favorite, Rita MacNeil. They also will be showcased on the CBC show *Ear to the Ground*.

The name Rawlins Cross came from an area in St. John's where several major streets converge. When the band was formed in 1988 all the members lived within a couple of blocks of Rawlins Cross.

Band Rawlins Cross performs their eclectic East Coast songs for Niagara College students.
Photo by Jason Graham

Hockey Teeth are dropping the gloves

By LESLEY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Throughout the long, cold winter months, the contest for the Stanley Cup supersedes all other thoughts in the minds of many Canadians.

Members of Hockey Teeth, a five-piece Toronto-based band, are no exception. They base their musical style on a common interest in melodic hardcore punk rock, and are inspired by Canada's favorite winter game — hockey.

Hockey Teeth was formed in the winter of 1992 by bassist Krystyne Stankiewicz and guitarists Dan and Chris Farr. The addition of lead vocalist Mark Davidson and Rob Neilson on drums finalized the lineup as it is today.

By playing frequently in and around Toronto, Hockey Teeth have received the attention of independent radio and music papers. They are pleased to have built a following, but claim to have no interest in the corporate rock game. As far as this self-managed group is concerned, it's just playing together that matters.

There are no bar codes or threats about home taping on Hockey Teeth's soon-to-be-released seven-inch four-song E.P. That's because the "label," Homewreckords, is run by Hockey Teeth's drummer Neilson and his roommate. The record is a follow-up to "Two Minutes for Roughing," a demo cassette produced in 1993, and appearances on Toronto compilation CDs and cassettes.

They ... claim to have no interest in the corporate rock game.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, Hockey Teeth will mark their fourth St. Catharines appearance with a record release party at the Lion Tavern in Old Port Dalhousie. There will be no cover charge for this event, during which copies of the record may be purchased for $3.

The Skanksters, an original 10-piece Toronto group, will get the party started at 8 p.m. If mighty, mighty raw ska, fast and fierce punk rock, and a roomful of noisy hockey fans is your idea of fun, then you'll be in good company at this show. Hockey Teeth always draw a large crowd because they enjoy interacting with their audiences and they appear to take great pleasure in scrapping conventions. Their songs convey an intense understanding of social justice issues, but the band is not without a keen sense of humor. At a Hockey Teeth show, there is always plenty of friendly knocking about on the dance floor, so posers and pinheads should stay out of the pit if they can't get along. Beware — while frontman Mark doesn't make a practice of dropping the gloves, he can be a harsh mooner.

At a Hockey Teeth show there is always plenty of friendly knocking about the dance floor...

Mobilyzer among Niagara's best

By LESLEY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Mobilyzer, a Niagara-based band, will perform on Friday, Sept. 30, with guests Whiskey Foxx at Rocktown on Lincoln Street in Welland.

The band will perform from their independent CD *Destination Unknown*.

Rhythm guitarist Zeke Ceko is a second-year Visual Arts program student at Niagara College, while lead vocalist Gary Warren is starting his first year in Niagara's Computer Engineering program. There is a nominal cover charge.

Mobilyzer's song *Go West* appears on the *Niagara's Best Rock* compilation, which is now available at area music stores. This compilation is among the jukebox selections in the school pub.

Saturday night at the movies

Clear and Present Danger

By MICHAEL GREVES
Staff Writer

Director Philip Noyce once again dazzles audiences with the third Tom Clancey novel brought to the screen. The amazing stunts and intriguing plot display a vast understanding of film.

In *Clear and Present Danger*, CIA investigator Jack Ryan delves into the murders of an important U.S. businessman and his family, close friends with the President of the United States. Laundered Columbian drug-money in this businessman's accounts are found by Ryan.

Harrison Ford returns as stoic Jack Ryan who is thrown into the lion's den of the White House. Once again, playing the strong and silent type.

Throughout the film, Ryan must come to grips with his feelings about his country's political system. Ryan, fighting against drugs coming into the U.S., is told by the senate to not send troops into Columbia. An exciting sequence with Robert Ritter (a sarcastic, disrespectful snake played by Canadian Henry Czerny), Ryan confronts Ritter for sending troops to frame Ryan — a tense situation, emphasized by Ritter addressing Ryan as a "boy scout".

Ryan also deals with the slow death of his CIA boss, James Grier, who's position he fills. Grier, played by James Earl Jones, gives Ryan words of wisdom, "Watch your back, Jack", showing an understanding of Ritter's ethics and policies. Ritter seems like the type of guy who would borrow your letter opener and then stab you with it.

This film concentrates on political power and how it corrupts greedy men. In the dramatic climax between the president and Ryan, Jack reveals the information he has on the president and Ritter. The president tries to force Ryan to keep it out of the media. But good prevails in mind and spirit: Ryan takes his case before the courts.

During that last sequence however, the president's tone changes for the reminder of the film. At the film's outset, the president is shown to be weak and inept. Using his position of power, he silences those who could destroy his reputation.

"The country doesn't need another scandal," he says to Ryan. A great characterization which may not be far from the truth.

Playing at Pen Cinemas, *Clear and Present Danger* holds audiences rapt. Lightened at times to produce chuckles from the audience, the film runs 2 1/2 hours.

Natural Born Killers

By DAWN SWAYZE
Staff Writer

It is not possible to pass judgment on a film that accurately portraits society. We have become media centered thinkers.

Many of those who will read this review will know of the rumored violence in this summer's Natural Born Killers (NBK). But the harsh display of violence was not all this movie was about.

Mickey (Woody Harrelson) and Mallory Knox (Juliette Lewis) take the audience on a roller-coaster of murderous exploits throughout the American countryside. However, the effect the media plays in glamorizing this deadly duo, uniquely becomes the focus of attention. NBK is more than a story, it is a reflection on the power of the press.

a rollercoaster of murderous exploits

Mickey and Mallory are meant to portray the effects of violence in society. They become tools for Oliver Stone's message against such behavior.

Stone's use of 16mm to super 8 to black and white film cannot escape mention. He has outdone himself; if for no other reason this feat should not be missed.

Within the first five minutes we got a taste of how graphic Stone was willing to take this Quentin Tarantino script. Few members of the opening scene are left standing. If Stone's intention was to grab the audience, he couldn't have done a better job with crazy glue.

Harrelson said, "The media buys and sells fear and one moment of realization is worth a thousand prayers," this is what NBK was about. It was meant to have more meaning than mayhem, awakening society to its quest for carnage on the tabloid-TV circuit.

CD Reviews

By JOHN SAVOIE
Staff Writer

An epidemic has struck causing mayhem, disorder and hearing impairment.

Epidemic's latest CD entitled *Exit Paradise* is deaf metal at its ugliest state. The CD fails to entertain the listener beyond the second guitar chord due to the band's limited musical capabilities.

Distorted guitars, overpowered drums and repeated rhythms make each track virtually identical and hideous. A phenomenon occurs when the CD appears to be skipping; on closer inspection, it is a repulsive drum beat being played repeatedly throughout certain songs.

Lead vocalist Carl Fulli is utterly destitute of any talent beyond sounding like a grizzly bear in heat. Besides, his appearance is unprofessional and his hairstyle reminds one of an uprooted fern tree.

Ten tracks are featured on *Exit Paradise* but can only be distinguished by their titles. A track entitled Institution of Ignorance describes the entire theme of the CD.

By SHELLEY HOLDEN
Staff Writer

After their debut in 1992, Luscious Jackson has followed with a funky new CD, Natural Ingredients. Their first EP, In Search of Manny, was combined with a lot of their early work. With original Beastie Boys drummer Kate Schellenbach, the group has been playing together for a couple of years.

"Being a woman artist, you 're breaking boundaries already," said Jill Cunniff, guitarist for the band. Whatever boundaries these four women are breaking, they are sure doing it on a positive note.

"A lot of our music isn't something you can put your finger on. It's just an accumulation of experiences... It's supposed to evoke a mood," said Cunniff. Many moods can be felt when listening to Natural Ingredients. With a funky beat and some soothing sounds, this four-woman band from New York City, has definitely created some enticing music.

Poem for Fall

By MIKE MICHAUD
Staff Writer

Fall is here
It's getting cool
Fall is here
We're back in school
The summer sun
Is setting low
Prepare to wake
To falling snow
It won't be that bad
The autumn, that is
You soon will see
What beauty really is
So go out and walk
On pathways of color
Enjoy the fall
And hope for another

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Academy Award 1970
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Remembering Woodstock '94

By MIKE MICHAUD
Staff Writer

For as long as I can remember, I have wished I could have been at Woodstock in 1969. The thought of being among 400,000 people sharing a common experience of peace and love fascinated me. This summer I had my chance to be at Woodstock.

Woodstock '94 took place August 12-14 in Saugerties, N.Y. It was not just a 25th anniversary of the original event. Festival organizers said "It seems to us like the right time for another Woodstock." Whatever the reason, I was intent on going.

When it was announced that there would be another Woodstock, three of my friends: Glen Falkiner, John Miller, Mark Fokkens and I forked over $210 for tickets and we were set for Woodstock.

Our journey began at about 2 a.m. Thursday night. We hit the 24-hour Tops in Buffalo for munchies. We didn't buy any real food because perishable foods were not allowed into Woodstock.

As we neared New York State Thruway exit 21, which leads into the little town of Saugerties, we saw that the signs identifying the exit had been covered and replaced with ones reading "Exit Closed." After traveling all night in a tightly-packed car, this was not a welcome sight, so we grumbled and groaned and headed for the next exit (which was 11 miles away). Little did we know that the entire town of Saugerties, N. Y. was sealed off in preparation for what would be the biggest event of a generation.

According to all credible sources, "Fortress Woodstock" was to be an impenetrable array of security guards, metal detectors and drug-sniffing dogs. All this hype forced us to take precautions and hide our alcohol in Ziploc bags inside our clothing. When we arrived at our designated parking lot (a half-hour bus ride from the actual concert site) the warnings seemed to have been true. We were greeted by at least 20 security guards manning a long line of metal detectors. After passing through the doorway-like detectors, our bags were haphazardly searched and we were corralled into holding pens to await the buses.

Our arrival at the gates of Fortress Woodstock (more fences inside a walled compound) was a big relief. There were no dogs. There were no rows of heavily-armed state troopers. There were only bus loads of campers wondering how to get to the site. We soon found a path that led through the trees and opened onto a scene I will not soon forget.

The small, wooded trail we were following opened onto a huge, open area with people and tents as far as the eye could see. And this was only Friday morning. My friends and I walked through the crowd, barely able to carry all the things we'd brought. We eventually gave up trying to find a good campsite and settled for a spot on the edge of a main pathway.

As it turned out, our campsite was probably one of the best in the whole place. We were close to food and water and all we had to do was stand up to watch the action on the main stage - the North Stage. The washrooms were the only thing that were far away. But this was a good thing, because by Saturday night, the 2,800 portable toilets were overflowing and gross.

Woodstock '94 unofficially started on Friday, with bands playing from 11 a.m. until after midnight. And the entertainment didn't stop then; there was a "rave", or dance-party, on the South Stage from 2 a.m. until 6 a.m. As the day wore on, more and more people filled the 336 hectare farm and the festival really got underway.

The highlight of the day's (and perhaps the whole weekend's) performances was the Violent Femmes, who put on an incredible show. The band's bass player dazzled the audience by playing not only his bass guitar, but also a xylophone and even a sea shell.

I went on a walking tour of Woodstock '94 Friday afternoon and found myself meeting and talking to people from all across North America. In fact, I spent almost an hour talking with someone from Amarillo, Tex. There were countless people walking around with signs looking for everything from lost people, to a ride to California, to illicit drugs (these were the majority).

Despite the confusion and the large number of people, the mood in the air at Woodstock '94 was incredibly peaceful and friendly. This was a surprising thing, judging by the apparent lack of visible security. To provide light over the area, two huge, movable banks of purple spotlights were used to give Woodstock '94 a calm, almost surreal look.

By Saturday, what was supposed to be an organized, alcohol and drug-free weekend turned into an uncontrolled mess. There were people pushing garbage cans full of beer, there were people smoking pot everywhere, and one man even drove his car through the trampled fences. Some Woodstock partiers were so intent on getting alcohol they formed an hours-long line outside the Saugerties liquor store. Two of my friends, John and Glen, waited in the line for over an hour, only to have the liquor store run out of liquor.

By Saturday morning, we knew there would be more people coming, so my friends and two women we had met the night before, formed their tents into a small encampment (I didn't have a tent, so I slept on the ground). This proved to be an excellent move, since our camp stayed dry amid 336 hectares of mud.

The key words for Saturday were rain and MUD. It rained most of the day, and by nighttime the entire field had been trampled into a giant mud pit. This gave rise to a new species of humans - Mudpeople.

Mudpeople weren't afraid of the mud. They thrived in it. Unfortunately, the Realm of the Mudpeople was in a small valley, through which we had to travel to get to the washrooms. Our new-found American friends, Cindy and Jenny, both from Peoria, Ill., ventured that way - once. On the way back from the washrooms, Jenny was knocked down by a naked mudperson sliding down a hill.

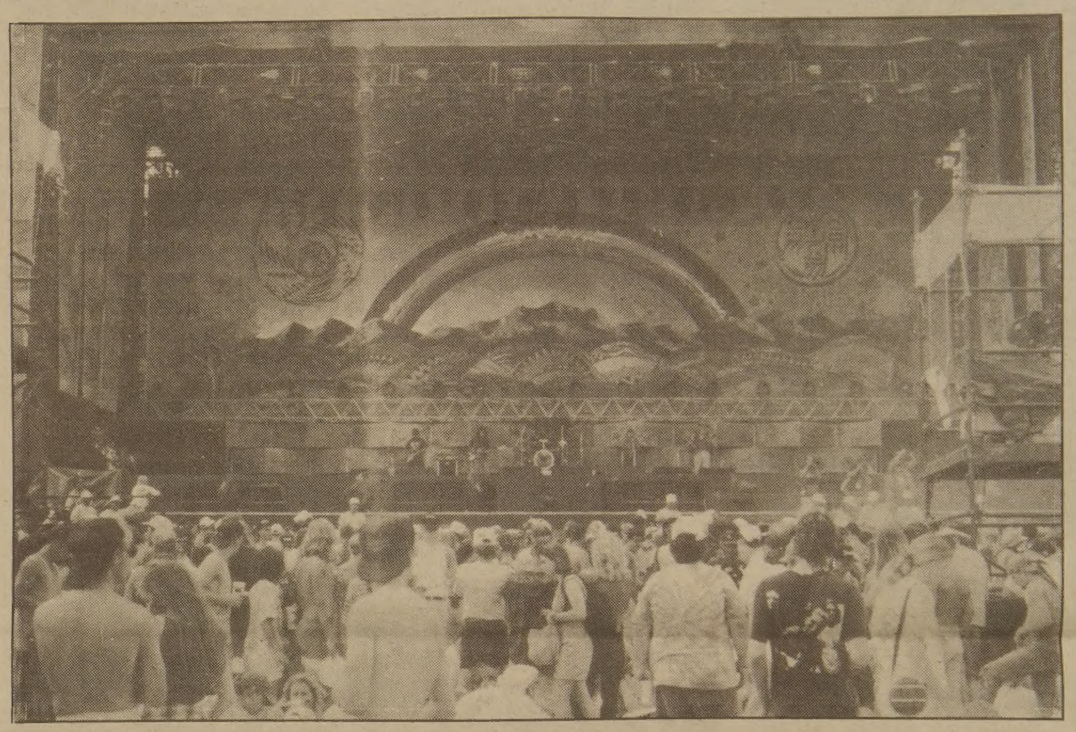
On Saturday night, which was the peak of the weekend, the population of the Woodstock nation swelled to an estimated 340,000 people. This created solid currents of people trying to move, but getting nowhere. If you were in a hurry, this was not the place to be.

The performers Saturday night included Nine Inch Nails, Metallica, and veteran rockers Aerosmith, who wrapped up at 3:30 a.m. To make the day even more fabulous, there was an elaborate fireworks display after the bands finished. Lasting half an hour and never letting up, this was definitely the best fireworks display I have ever witnessed.

The rain continued through most of the night, and by the time we woke up Sunday, the Winston's farm resembled a war zone. There weren't nearly as many people, and this left room to see the full extent of the devastation. There were hundreds of abandoned tents, giant mounds of garbage, and hundreds of thousands of tired, muddy people.

Anybody who had set up a tent in a low-lying area was flooded out by one of the many lakes of mud that had formed overnight. Some creative people built bridges of garbage over the lakes, allowing passage around the site.

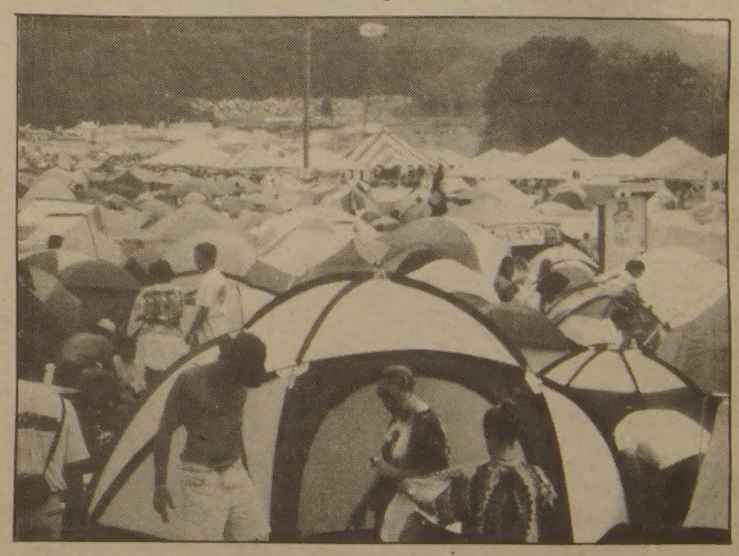
Woodstock citizens were awoke Sunday morning with gospel music, courtesy of the Sisters of Mercy, and were put to sleep with the sounds of Peter Gabriel. Bob Dylan, who turned down an invitation to play at the original Woodstock in 1969, showed up over an hour late and played almost unrecognizable renditions of his greatest hits. Alternative rockers Green Day, who played on the slightly smaller South Stage, so aroused the audience that a giant mud fight took place. Clumps of mud and grass could be seen flying through the air, sometimes hitting the band members. But this didn't stop the Oakland, Ca. band, who finished playing and started throwing mud back at the crowd.



The giant North stage was the set for acts such as Bob Dylan, Metallica and Peter Gabriel.
Photo by Mike Michaud

The biggest let down of the weekend was the finale of the festival. Judging by the fireworks on Saturday, we thought there would be some incredible event to end the largest music festival in 25 years. But there wasn't. After Peter Gabriel left the stage, one of the organizers came out, thanked everybody for coming and announced a rave on the South Stage. He then said "I want to play the last notes on this stage," strummed a few notes on his guitar and left. That was it.

When I look back at my Woodstock adventure, I will remember the mud, the music, the eight dollars I paid for a two-litre bottle of Pepsi (who sponsored the event, by the way) and the people. Mostly, I will remember it for what it was: two more days of peace and music.



A seemingly endless sea of tents and people greet us as we enter "Fortress Woodstock."
Photo by Mike Michaud

Let's go hiking in Niagara

By JOHN SAVOIE
Staff Writer

Shimmering yellow, gleaming oranges and radiant shades of red describe the most favorable time of year for hikers.

Before we are consumed by gale winds and heavy snowfall, tie up your boots and strap on a back pack for a delightful and adventurous hike throughout the Niagara Region.

The Niagara Region offers an unlimited number of hiking trails that undertake any level hiker on a scenic route of wildlife and visual beauty.

St. Catharines offers the Merritt Trail that runs along side the Twelve Mile Creek. Entrances may be found along Ontario Street and at Niagara College's St. Catharines campus. The trail is over 13 kilometres in length and is well maintained by the city. The trail lies on either side of the fast-flowing creek.

Wildlife and uncommon forest growth appear along the trail. Over three kilometres of trail is maintained with loose gravel and is used by joggers and mountain bikers alike. The Merritt Trail is clearly marked and is a delight in the fall season to hike upon.

A couple enjoying a hike.

Photo by John Savoie

Just southwest of St. Catharines is an excellent system of hiking trails. The Short Hills Provincial Park offers many avenues of adventure for the hiker.

The park has extensive, well maintained networks of hiking trails with distances that range from short loops that could be walked in 15 minutes to long range loops that take several hours.

Within the park boundary lies a 150-metre high waterfall that may be viewed from an over hanging lookout structure. Trail entrances are all around the park boundary. The major parking lot is found off of Pelham Road.

For hikers, fall is unarguably the best time to enjoy the trails. Hiking may be enjoyed by persons of any age and physical standards.

Demers new at Niagara

By MARK BROUWER
Staff Writer

There is a new member to the Niagara College team this year.

Rick Demers, 44, took over the position of supervisor to the health and safety and security department two months ago.

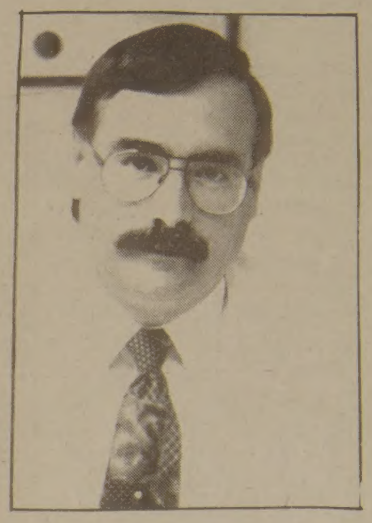
"There is much more of a team concept here than I've been involved in before," says Demers.

Demers has been difficult to reach since he returned from vacation Sept. 14 because of safety inspections that have taken him to all Niagara College campuses throughout the Niagara Region. He is also trying to work a few bugs out of the new fire alarm system.

"It's tough getting started," says Demers, "but there is definitely a light at the end of the tunnel."

Demers is a member of the health and safety committees. The committees meet monthly at the Welland campus and are involved in the monthly and quarterly inspections.

Mal Woodhouse, 47, Niagara College's manager of the health and safety department who works closely with Demers, says, "We try to make safety a daily issue.



Rick Demers

We don't want to wait until there is a problem."

Demers also hopes to be instructing later in the year in the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) program.

Coming from the industrial sector to the education sector was more difficult than he expected, he says.

"It's not so much the job itself, but the amount of work that it entails."

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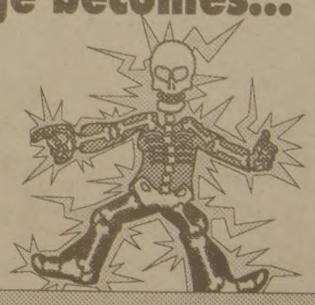

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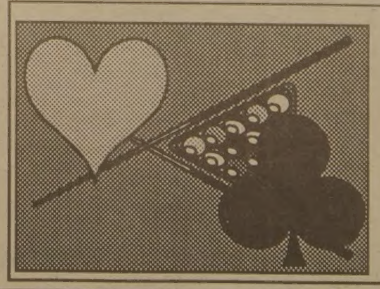
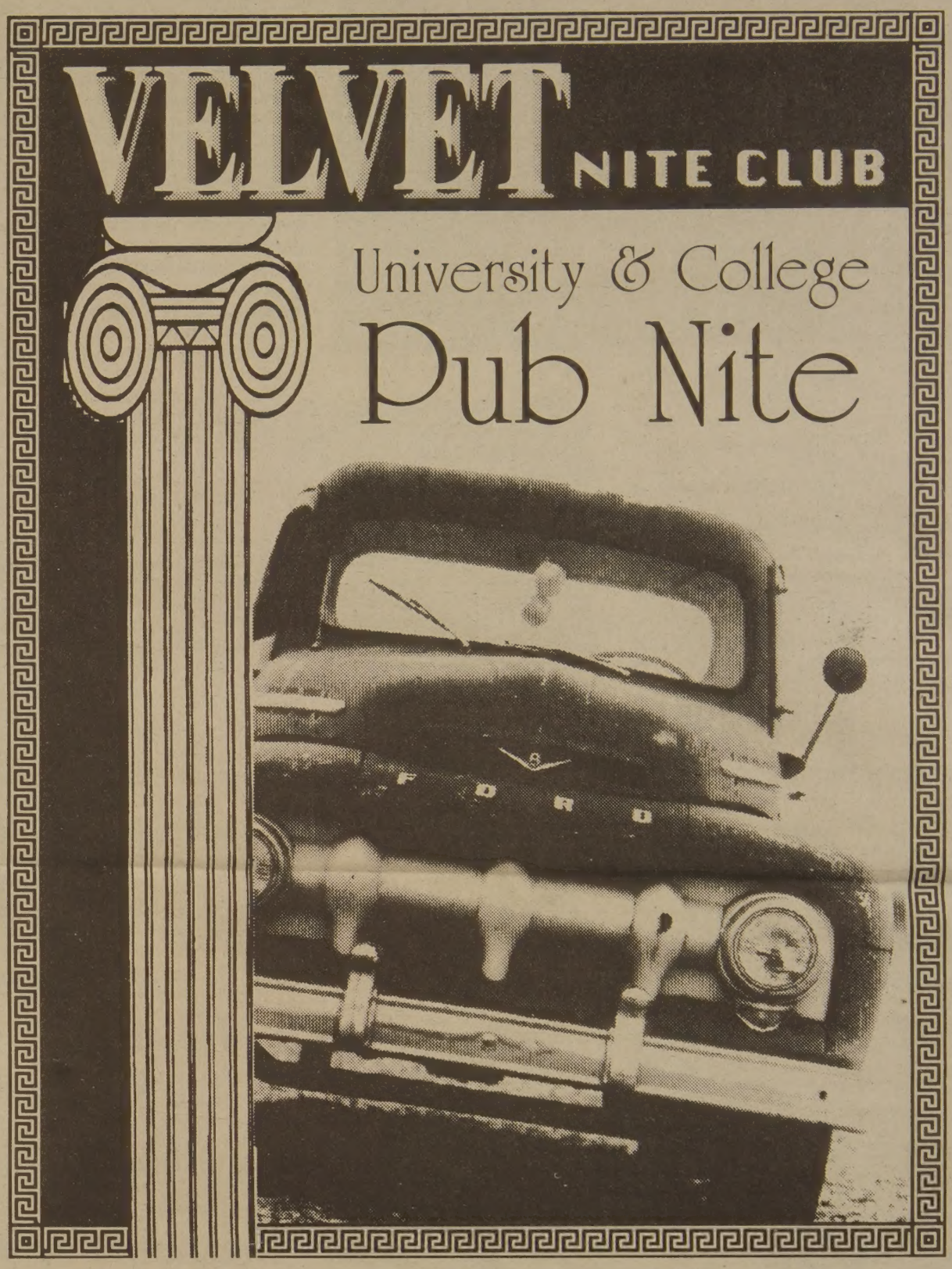
Batteries not included....
Every Thursday Night at 7:30pm at After Hours Pub



POOL & EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS...
COMING SOON!!!
FOR REGISTRATION, SEE LINDA IN THE SAC OFFICE

TUESDAYS



Students with ID
Pay No Cover

& we feature
DJ Fran

Shuttle buses pickup
from 8 p.m and 10 p.m.

Jobs open for: waitresses, coat checkers, dancers